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to "bury Clinton," Roll Call said.
Republicans denied such a coordinated nated attempt to undermine the president, "It's unfortunate this administratioo has given us so many instances of misconduct to look into," said Michele Davis, spokesman for the House majority leader, Representative Dick Armey of Texas.

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Bosnian Chief May Have Fled



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The rope appears to be tightening around Radovan Karadzic.

NATO Forces Arrest 2 Suspects

By Chris Hedges

PALE, Bosnia and Herzegovina - The Bosnian wartime leader and indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic appears to have fled his mountain stronghold and may have gone into hiding outside Bosnia, according to senior West-

em officials and residents in Pale.

The reported flight of Mr. Karadzic follows the unannounced visit last week of tanks, armored personnel carriers and several hundred troops from the NATO-led Stabilization Force in this town, 16 kilometers (10 miles) southeast of Sarajevo. The NATO troops carried out an inspection of a police unit based in a factory where Mr. Karadzic has an office. They confiscated 10 assault rifles and 1,500 rounds of anymumition.

Meanwhile, two Bosnian Serbs indicted for war crimes were arrested by NATO forces. The two men, Miroslav Kyocka and Mladen Radic, were close allies of Mr. Karadzic during the war. They are charged by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague with running a detention camp in the

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Ginandjar Kartasasmita, the Indonesian coordinating minister for economics and finance, speaking Wednesday in Jakarta. To his left is the finance minister, Faud Bawazier.

Democrats Countering **Starr Report**

New Attacks Are Aimed It Impeachment Study

> By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - With the prosecutorial staff of Kenneth Starr understood to be compiling a report on possibly impeachable offenses by President Bill Clinton, White House officials and Democrats in Congress are mounting a preemptive response, marshaling new attacks on the motives of Republican

Mr. Starr's staff, under growing political pressure to conclude its four-year investigation of the president, has for the first time assembled what it believes is "substantial and credible information" of potentially impeachable conduct, thereby meeting a legal bar re-Apresentatives, The Washington Post reported Wednesday. The Associated Press later confirmed the substance of

the Post report.

But Mr. Starr said Wednesday that no decision had been made on when or even if the findings would be forwarded to Congress. "Our investigation is still ongoing, and no decision has been made on the issnance, timing or contents of such a submission," he said. Mr. Starr did not deny, however, that a report was

It is widely believed bere that the independent counsel will forward a report to the House. The House Judiciary Committee has already begun expanding its staff and laying the groundwork to deal with possible impeachment hear-

But while sources told The Post that Mr. Start hoped to complete the report the end of next month, an array of legal obstacles, including unresolved questions over executive privilege and possible testimony by a former White House intern, Motuca Lewinsky, could

At the same time, the dismissal last week of the Paula Jones sexual misconduct suit against Mr. Clinton has increased pressure on Mr. Starr to conclude his investigation, conducted to date at a cost exceeding \$30 million. Clinton defenders have begun more ag-

gressively to depict the investigation as a politically motivated witch-bunt.

The House minority leader, Representative Dick Gephardt of Missouri, has asked fellow Democrats to compile ists of all the investigations conducted against Mr. Clinton by the Republican Congress and lay ont the costs to tax-payers, according to Roll Call, a Wash-

ington political journal.

An unidentified Democratic leader said a final report, to be ready by April 21, would depict an "unprecedented

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Taipei Doubts Japan's Ability to Lead Prime Minister Says China and Taiwan Should Cooperate to Help Asia

By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

TAIPEI — The prime minister of Taiwan said Wednesday he had concluded that Japan was unable to provide the regional leadership necessary to help extract Asia from its financial problems and feared that the falling yen might

seriously harm Taiwan's economy.

Prime Minister Vincent Siew, in an interview, said domestic problems would curtail Japan's role in stabilizing regional economic and financial markets. This, he concluded, will make it imperative that Taiwan and China start cooperating to help crisis-hit Asian economies.

"In the past we could rely on Japan to help, but now they face their own trou-bles," Mr. Siew said. "Japan cannot play a very significant role to help other countries in the region to stabilize their financial markets." While he stopped

short of directly criticizing Japan's leaders. Mr. Sicw joined the growing chorus of concern over Tokyo's ability to stimulate its economy and avoid a fullblown recession.

Taiwan's top economic policymaker warned, in a separate interview, that while Taiwan had thus far avoided the most serious consequences of the region's economic crisis, a further decline of the yen would hurt the island's economy a great deal.

'At the current level of 135 yen per dollar, the Japanese are forced to produce things themselves that they would otherwise buy from us," said Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of the cabinet-level Council for Economic Planning and Development. "A fall of the yen would hurt us a lot."

Taiwan ran a \$17 hillion trade deficit with Japan last year, and Mr. Chiang said the trade gap could grow to \$20 billion

this year. Because of Japan's economic difficulties, Mr. Siew said he would continue to promote Talpei's proposal for cross-straits economic cooperation de-spile a hasty rejection of the idea by Beijing when it was floated Tuesday.

We are very disappointed with their immediate reaction, but we bope that they will have a second thoughts," Mr. Siew said, adding that he would forward the proposal through the unofficial chan-nels that were used to communicate with

The spokesman for Beijing's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday repeated China's standard answer that Taiwan had no right to get involved in the affairs of sovereign states. China considers Taiwan a renegade province and has repeatedly fought the island's efforts to assist the crisisplagued economies of Southeast Asia.

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Prime Ministers Urge Ulster Rivals to Compromise

By James F. Clarity New York Times Service

Prime Minister Siew fears a falling

yen could burt Taiwan's economy.

BELFAST — Straining to meet a Thursday dead-line for a peace agreement in Northern Ireland, the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland sought Wed-nesday to help Protestant and Roman Catholic polit-ical leaders in this mostly Protestant British province work ont a compromise.

At the start of a day full of meetings with Catholic and Protestant leaders, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said: "There are still a lot of very hard questions to resolve. I'm here full of ideas and determination. I'm going to give it the very best try I

Mr. Blair, clearly risking his authority and political image as a winner, added, "The people here deserve a better future than a life of bloodshed, murder and disharmony." But Mr. Blair stopped well short of predicting compromises that would allow the two sides to reach a peace agreement.

Mo Mowlan, the Northern Ireland secretary in Mr. Blair's cabinet, said late Wednesday afternoon that 'progress is being made across all fronts' making an agreement "seriously possible" by the deadline. And David Trimble, the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party leader who created a mood of crisis Tuesday by rejecting a set of peace proposals, was uncharac-teristically positive Wednesday about a possible agreement. "We have principles," he said, "but within those principles we can see a way of accommodating the views of others."

Mr. Blair also expressed "shock and borror" at the killing Wednesday of a Protestant man, alleged to

have ties to a guerrilla group, by a small Catholic splinter group, the Irish National Liberation Army, which opposes the talks.

The main Catholic paramilitary organization, the

Irisb Republican Army, supports the talks and the participation of its political wing, Sinn Fein. The IRA



David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, passing by the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams.

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is observing a cease-fire it called last July; the principal Protestant guerrilla groups are also observing cease-fires. But failure to reach an agreement by midnight Thursday would probably lead to the resumption of sectarian violence by paramilitaries on both sides in Northern Ireland and by the IRA in Britain. Protestant guerrillas have threatened to re-

taliate with attacks in the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south if the IRA resumes its

campaign.

The peace talks, designed to end a long history of political violence, including more than 3,200 deaths

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Earth's Plants Imperiled

One in 8 Species Threatened or Nearly Extinct

By Curt Suplee Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The first interoational survey of plant diversity has found that at least one in every eight known plant species on Earth is threatened with extioction or nearly ex-

The results of a 20-year joint effort nong 16 organizations show that habn and introduction of cons have caused approxispecies to become so rare d easily disappear. That .5 percent of the 270,000 and flowering species

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izes, "are just the tip of the iceberg" because so little is known about many areas, and "as more information becomes available, the situation will be shown to be even worse."

In the United States, which probably

has the planet's best-studied flora, about 29 percent of 16,000 species are at risk, according to the report. Similar percentages were recorded for Australia and South Africa. In general, the more detailed a country's species inventory, the higher its proportion of threatened plants.

To be classified as threatened, a species must have reached the point at which there are fewer than 10,000 individuals worldwide or fewer than 100 locations in which it is found. The study examined only vascular plants - those with tissues that conduct water and nutrients - and thus did not treat algae, lichens, fungi and the like.

"This is the first comprehensive assessment of threatened species we've ever had," said W. John Kress, chairman of the department of botany at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. "It's a wakeup call to a major extinction event. In some cases, entire plant families

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AGENDA

Japan Budget Aims To Jolt Economy

Japan enacted a budget Wednesday that paved the way for the government to consider the tax cuts demanded hy its domestic and international critics. clearing a major hurdle in its efforts to

rouse the slumping economy.

The \$584 billion hudget was drafted in line with laws designed to cut the government's deficit. It clears the way for Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to shift priorities from

budget-cutting to economic stimulus. Mr. Hashimoto is expected to unveil details of his economic plans Thursday and to convene a council Friday that could open the door to hig tax cuts. Page 11.

ment negotiated last year "is dead." Steven Goldstone, chief executive of-	tax cuts. Page 11.
ficer of RJR Nabisco Holdings, said his company would no longer work toward getting Congress to approve a	Books Page 9. Crossword Page 18. Opinion Pages 8-9.
comprehensive tobacco settlement. He said the legislative effort was "broken beyond repair." Page 4.	Sports Pages 18-19. The IHT on-line www.iht.com

Indonesia Sets 3d Plan With IMF For Bailout

But Critics Express Doubt on Effectiveness Of Proposed Reforms

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribing

SINGAPORE - Indonesia and the International Monetary Fund said Wednesday that they had agreed on the third plan in six months to rescue the economy of the world's fourth most populous nation, but doubts remained in financial markets that it would be any more effective than the previous two

rograms.
The agreement with the IMF was a comprehensive one, covering financial and banking reform, monetary policy, the budget and subsidies, structural changes and private foreign debt, ac-cording to Ginandjar Kartasasmita, the Indonesian coordinating minister for

economics and finance.

Mr. Ginandjar said that under the new accord the government would stop granting monopoly privileges and would not bail out or subsidize any indebted companies.

But in one important concession to Indonesia, he said that the IMF had agreed that the government would con-tinue subsidies on rice and soybeans, while fuel and power prices would be raised gradually, even though this would increase the budget deficit.

The proposed ending of subsidies had led to sporadic anti-government riots across Indonesia in recent weeks.

Mr. Ginandjar said other details would be made public Thursday after they had been given to the executive

they had been given to the executive board of the IMF in Washington.

"We have measures in place and if they are not implemented, the program won't go ahead," the IMF's first deputy managing director, Stanley Fischer, said on a visit to Tokyo. "We have no assurance. We cannot have assurance, given history, that it will be done." Speaking in Jakarta after a cahinet meeting, Mr. Ginandjar said President

Suharto had ordered ministers to carry "The instruction from the president

was that all commitments should be honored," he added. He said that the Indonesia's previ-

ously high-flying economy was expected to shrink by 4 percent in the financial year ended in March, while inflation would average 17 percent. Some analysts regard these estimates as erring on

the side of optimism.

The IMF — which organized more than \$40 billion in loans for Indonesia in October in exchange for reforms — suspended payment of a \$3 hillion in-

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Levi Strauss Going Back to China Market

By Mark Landler

HONG KONG - Five years after pulling out of China because of what it called "pervasive" human rights vi-olations, Levi Strauss & Co. said Thursday that it would return to the country to make and sell its clothing. "It's clear to us that the environment

is getting better there," said Peter Jacobi, the president and chief operating officer of Levi Strauss, which manufactures its trademark denim pants and shirts in 12 Asian countries. "We basically felt that we should untie our hands."

Mr. Jacobi, who disclosed the decision in an interview here, said the company's action did not reflect a judgment on China's overall buman-rights record, but merely its belief that Levi Strauss could find local cootractors whose factories would adhere to the company's guidelines for labor condi-

tions.
"Levi Strauss is not in the human-rights business," he said, "but to the degree that human rights affects our husiness, we care about it.'

The company's action comes at a time of warming political and commercial ties between the United States and China, Several American companies, including Eastman Kodak and Coca-Cola. have announced major new investments in the mainland in recent weeks.

With President Bill Clinton scheduled to visit Beijing this June, business people here expect a flurry of new ven-

One prominent Chinese labor activist, Han Dongfang, who formed China's first independent labor union during the Tiananmen Square uprising in 1989, said he welcomed the company's decision to return to China. Mr. Han added

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Lack of Faith in Tax System Spawns the Fearless Cheaters

By Dale Russakoff Washington Post Service

EW YORK — It is one of the surest rites of spring. No sooner do people start hiring painters to touch up the house, gardeners to spruce up the yard, handymen to fix the back fence than they stumble into a seemingly benign moral dilemma: Do they agree to pay cash to a struggling entrepreneur who wants to avoid taxes?

'I tell people, If you pay cash, you can take off so-many hundred dollars." said a New York-area house painter, who says he makes up the difference by cheating on his taxes, and assumes customers know it. "Out of 100 customers a year, at most one or two want to pay taxes. Out of 1,000 in a dozen or so years, may be there were five

Even as Republican leaders de-nounce the Internal Revenue Service as a horde of terrorizing intruders, what is striking is how many Americans fearlessly cheat on their taxes — and get away

Of every tax dollar owed, the IRS calculates that 17 cents is never paid, mostly because a wayward minority overstates deductible expenses or does not report chunks of income paid in cash. Some of the errors, IRS officials emphasized, are inadvertent. Still, the total would be more than enough to cover the salaries and benefits of the eotire U.S. military.

While the proportion of taxes that go unpaid has held steady for two decades, hostility toward the system appears to be growing, not only among a public deeply distrustful of government but also on Capitol Hill, where politicians increasingly assail the tax system as symbolic of the evils of hig government. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Comminee. Bill Archer. Republican of Texas, demands that the Internal Revenue Code be "forn out by the

Washington's war on tax cheaters has markedly cooled since the early 1990s, when deficits were in the hundreds of billions of dollars and Democrats controlled Congress. At that time, leaders of both parties thundered caused by cheating and voted to increase the budget for IRS enforcement as a way of cutting the deficit without raising taxes.

Now, with the deficit negligible and Republicans in charge, thanks in part to grass-roots anger over taxes, Congress has cut deeply into the IRS enforcement hudget. The IRS now audits just over I percent of all taxpayers, less than half the audit rate of 20 years ago.

But the IRS still knows a lot about the taxpaying public. It knows precisely wby people

Some tax dodgers say cheating is an antidote to an unfair system.

cheat (they think they can get away with it) and who cheats people in cash businesses, where income leaves few paper trails). Authorities on tax compliance have also found a strong link between tax evasion and distrust of government. Some of them pre-dict the current political atmosphere will lead to more cheating, or at least attempts at it.

If you're deciding whether or not to evade on your own, that's one thing," said Mike McKee, an economist at University of New Mexico and an authority on taxpayer attitudes. "But if you feel the general mood is that the system lacks legitimacy, you're more likely to do it.'

A dozen current and former tax-fudgers interviewed in several cities — from a musician in Denver who said he hid about onefifth of his income to a landscaper outside New York City who said he hid all of his - called cheating their antidote to an unfair system. None confessed any remorse for not paying their fair share.
If you blindly go about pay-

ing every cent, you deserve what you get," said the landscaper, who added that he grew up distrusting government because of the Vietnam War, "when everybody was eking out a meager living and their taxes were going into a no-win war.'

The IRS has a jaundiced view toward people who defend cheating as somehow more moral than obeying the law. 'They're greedy,' said Ted Brown, who heads the criminal investigation division. "They want a few extra hucks, and they don't really care

who they take it from." The overwhelming majority of Americans have little opportunity to cheat. Of more than 120 million tax returns expected to be filed by Wednesday, the IRS estimates more than 90 percent will include at least one wage-earner whose taxes were withheld by an employer. Because of the high rate of withholding, and ever-expanding reporting of earnings on 1099 forms, Americans lead the world in tax compliance.

Cheating is concentrated where there is opportuoity, the IRS has found when it studied the subject. Sole proprietor busi-nesses lead the way, followed closely by "informal suppliers" like sidewalk vendors, moonlighting craftsmen or mechanics, baby-sitters and others who work largely for cash.

ARGARET Richardson, a former IRS commissioner, said she encountered the problem firsthand as she tried during her tenure to find Washington-area window-cleaners for her home that were willing to be paid on the books, by check. "I had dirty windows for four years," she said.

IRS officials say it would be impossible to collect most of the estimated \$80 billion in taxes that are owed hut never paid because the money is spread across so many millions of taxpayers in such small amounts. So a house painter who hides maybe \$20,000 of income a year is more likely to escape than, say, the pop artist Peter Max, who pleaded guilty in Manhattan last November to virtually the same actions — hiding income, most of it paid in cash hut on a far larger scale: \$1.1 million over six years.

There are almost as many motives for tax dodging as there are dodgers. Many are related to attitudes toward government because the tax system - with more than 100 million returns filed annually — is government's most pervasive presence.



The sharp drop in the top federal from more than 70 percent in the 1970s to under 40 percent now - was expected to raise compliance by making evasion less profitable. Yet Americans still feel universally overtaxed. The New York area house painter, who said he reported only \$45,000 to \$55,000 a year of his \$60,000 to \$30,000 in annual income, said: 'Rich people pay oothing. You

know who pays for everything? Me! The middle class!" Perry Quick of Ernst & Young calculated that a married sole proprietor with \$57,500 in taxable income - after subtracting the standard deduction and exemptions for two children - pays a third of it in state, federal and Social Security taxes.

Even famously compliant wage earners seize opportunities to chisel, such as inflating the value of donations to charity.

A big ruse was discovered io 1987, when the IRS began requiring taxpayers to supply Social Security oumbers for dependents they were claiming exemptions for. Within one year, 7 million dependents disappeared from the nation's tax rolls.

Yet eveo people who view themselves as moral citizens turn up as violators. Peter Max deoouticed "the government's baseless cooduct" oo the day of his indictment for tax evasion, noting be had painted for five presidents and was "proud to have served my country for so many years."

Similar outrage was voiced in a less publicized case of a wholesale produce company in the Bronx whose principals recently

Europe

were sentenced to serve time for paying salesmen in cash, off the books, pocketing some cash

themselves. "They did oothing that isn't done by everyone in the industry and that's what we told the judge," said Larry Goldman, an attorney who represented one of the principals.

The remark was oot news to the Manhattan district of the IRS or the U.S. Attorney's Office here. "The invesogation is continuing." was all a prosecutor would say.

THE DENVER area musician who said he reported four-fifths of his income — his earnings from a big music lesson business - said he felt patriotic about pay-ing taxes because "I feel that it's necessary as a citizeo of the United States to contribute to the functioning of the government."

Still, he cheats - hiding the cash be earns by night performing at cluhs - and calls it his way of compeosating for steep Social Security taxes: "That self-employment tax goes up each year be-cause they are factoring in the people that cheat. Why should I be the chump and be the one who gets hit for it?"

That is precisely the moral argument behind tax-law enforcement: Cheating the IRS is in effect cheating neighbors or competitors who pay their full share. "Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society." wrote the Supreme Court justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, a phrase set in stone over the entrance to IRS headquarters in Washington.

Safety Board Urges 747 Wiring Check

Inquiry on TWA Crash Finds Faults

By Don Phillips Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Federal aviation investigators looking into the explosion of TWA Flight 800 have urged inspections of the wiring in fuel-monitoring systems of hundreds of Boeing 747s and possibly other Boeing jets. Officials at the National

Transportation Safety Board, which is leading the inquiry on the 1996 crash of the New York-to-Paris flight that killed all 230 people on board, said that investigators had still not determined the cause of the explosion but that evidence indicated that the fuelmonitoring systems might require expensive overhants in order to improve safety.

The board also suggested that the Federal Aviation Administratioo extend its investigation of fuel-measuring systems to other planes that have similar systems, includ-ing the Boeing 767, 757 and 737 and some 727s.

The chairman of the safety board, Jim Hall, wrote that the board had found damaged wiring on the "fuel quantity indication systems" of the crashed aircraft and three oth-

In a letter to the head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Jane Garvey, Mr. Hall described the conditioos as 'poteonally hazardous' hot did not directly link them with the explosion of Flight 800's fuel tank.

intended to indicate that the safety board was any closer to determining the source of the fuel tank's violent explosion. The problems with the 747 fuel systems had been revealed earlier.

The aviatioo agency issued a statement saving it agreed "with the inteot of the recommendations" and listing a series of actions it had takeo or was planning to take on 747 fuel tanks in collaboration with Boeing Co. and the safety board. The safety board's letter ap-

peared to be intended to keep up the heat on the aviation agency and Boeing rather than an effort to break new ground. fuel probes.

The major exception was the recommendation that planes other than the jumbo 747 be brought into the process.

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The fuel-quantity indication system, essentially a series of dipsticks, is far more complicated than fuel systems in cars. It consists of hundreds of feet of wire connected to long aluminum probes in the fuel tanks them-

A low-voltage current far too low to cause a spark is used to determine fuel levels. Several of the board's specific recommendations are aimed at being certain that electrical surges could not somehow enter the fuel probe system, perhaps from any nearby higher-voltage wire. Mr. Hall's letter said that

investigators had found oumber of possible problems in the fuel system that needed attention. He said that in addition to damaged wiring in the crashed plane, investigators also had found two inappropriate repairs.

The letter recommended

that the aviation agency:

Make mandatory a Boeing service bulletin on inspections of the fuel measurement system in older 747s — about 700 planes out of the fleet of more than 1,200.

• Require the "earliest possible" replacement of Honey well electrical terminal blocks used on the older 747 probes, which have sharp edges that have been determined capable of damaging wiring.

Sources close to the investigation said the letter was oot fuel systems that do not use the Honeywell system t determine if there are similar

> Require research to determine if copper sulfide deposits found on the crashed plane's fuel-quantity system pose a hazard. • Require in the 747 - and

all other aircraft that may roote fuel-quantity wires near other wiring — the physical separation and electrical shielding of the fuel wires "to the maximum extent possi-

 Require electrical surgeprotection systems to prevent electrical power surges from entering tanks through the

14/16 lifts open, 60cm at 2000m

France and U.S. Sign New Aviation Pact

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service

PARIS - The United States and France on Wednesday signed a new aviation allowing the airlines of each agreement that will allow 40 percent more passenger flights between the two countries. The agreement is effective immediately but includes a five-year transition period.

The accord, reached after two years of intermittent negotiations, seven months of serious talks and, previously, five years of stalemate since France terminated the previous treaty in 1992, was hailed by representatives of both na-

France, Felix Rohatyn, said it responds to the realities of the world airline market." Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot of France said the deal should lead to "better

mutual understanding."
Mr. Gayssot, the highest-

The French Get Fatter

PARIS - French people are increasingly following the U.S. example in their eating habits: More than one-

third of the population is overweight or obese, and

100,000 people die annually of weight-related problems, according to a new study.

The research, partly funded by the government, was conducted in 1997 and involved 30,921 people 15 years

of age or older. It showed that about 16 million people in

France are overweight or obese, and the majority of those with serious weight problems are women between the ages of 45 and 54. Researchers cited changing eating

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hahits and the proliferation of fast-food outlets.

the Communist Party in France's Socialist-led government, ooted that the United States had given up the idea of "open skies." or country to fly whenever and

would lead to "aviation liberty" at the end of the fiveyear transition period.

The accord is slightly more restrictive than similar bilatin recent years between the United States and Germany. Austria, the Netherlands, Bel-Luxembourg and Sweden. But it significantly raises

the number of round-trip flights allowed by carriers of each country, to 210 per week in five years from the current It also allows Federal Ex-

press Corp. to make Charles ranking cabinet member from principal European hub, and

awards Freoch cargo rights to two other U.S. carriers.

The accord will permit new direct service between Pittsburgh and Paris, which USAirways Inc. plans to provide, as well as additional wherever they wanted.

But Mr. Rohatyn, for his

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By the end of the five-year transition, American and French carriers will be able to eral air agreements concluded operate from any city io one country to any city in another. Rights to pick up passengers and fly them to a third country will be limited at first — U.S. airlines will only have such so-called fifth-freedom rights to go beyond Paris to Tel Aviv and Cairo initially but may be increased after the eod of the transitioo.

The accord permits an expansion of so-called codesharing, the ability of an airde Gaulle Airport in Paris its line to operate joint flights another. Thus Air

France, which is a partner with Continental Airlines Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc., could sell a ticket in Paris to a U.S. city served by one of its partners; the passenger could change planes in, say, Atlanta, and go on via the do-

mestic airline. France pulled out of the previous air agreement in 1992 over fears that American carriers were getting too large a share of bilateral

But since then, absent the rights to add oew flights, Air France lost a reported onethird of trans-Atlantic business. Now that is it planning a partial privatization, the airline is hoping to use its American partners to gain back market share and expand business

Air France's president, Jean-Cyril Spinetta, said the results of the negotiation "place us on an even keel compared with our European

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WEATHER

All Nippon Airways Cuts Flights TOKYO (AP) - All Nippon Airways said Wednesday that a strike by its pilots over wages had entered a third day, causing flights on five international routes to be canceled.

TRAVEL UPDATE

If the strike continues, cancellations on Thursday and Friday could affect more than 3,000 passengers, the airline said. The pilots are refusing to fly one type of plane, the Boeing 747, used only on international routes. Meanwhile, Japan Air Lines said unionized cockpit crews

had called a one-day strike for Thursday over wages. A JAL spokesman said there would be no effect on flights.

Greece Braces for a General Strike

ATHENS (Reuters) - A 24-hour general strike Thursday over cost-cutting plans for state-owoed companies was expected to severely disrupt air, rail and hus traffic.

Seafarers began a 48-hour strike on Wednesday. State offices and banks were to open Thursday with skeleton

BA Assails Plane-Markings 'Scare'

LONDON (Reuters) - British Airways denied Wednesday that a collection of "world images" it introduced last year as plane markings in place of a stylized British flag were unsafe,

after a newspaper suggested that pilots from other airlines could not recognize BA planes at night.

"The Daily Telegraph has the right not to like our oew livery, but it has to right to publish spurious and alarmist scares which may frighteo passeogers," said Mark Street, a

The Civil Aviation Authority said it had begun an inquiry after two pilots complained of being uoable to identify BA planes, but it stressed that there was no safety risk. Imprime pur Offprint, 73 rue de l'Évangile, 75018 Paris.

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ideni Bill Clinton has convened his first class on the complex and contentious issue of Social Security, a marathon gabfest complete with three-color charts, a satellite hookup and homework assign-

The only thing he test out were answers. They will not come for at least a year, well after the November elections.

"People are always saying. Well, so what's your plan?" the president said during a forum here at Penn Valley Community College. What I'm attempting to do here is to avoid announcing a plan while we go through this period of edu-cating the whole electorate.

But Mr. Clinton did offer some clues oo how far be is willing to go to revamp the government program that serves 44 million retired and disabled Americans.

He supports limiting Social Security benefits for wealthier retirees, opposes increasing payroll taxes and wants younger Americans to be better savers. Mr. Clinion was also receptive to the idea of personal security accounts as one element of a comprehensive overhaul.

Mr. Clinton opened this national dialogue on Social Security in his State of the Union address in January, when he urged lawmakers to hold off spending expected hudget surpluses until he and Congress agree on a plan to preserve Social Security for future generations. During panel discussions, Mr. Clinion

struck a cautious theme, reassuring the elderly that he will not fiddle with their benefits and promising 10 "act with care as we make needed repairs."

Senator Rick Santorum, Republican of Pennsylvania, who accompanied Mr. Clinton aboard Air Force One, said, 'He doesn't want to get out ahead of the American public or Congress."

Referring to the public backlash against Republicans when they pro-posed revamping the nation's health care program for the elderly, Mr. Santorum added, "He mentioned he doesn't want another Medicare catastrophe."

The Depression-era Social Security program is now on sound financial footing. The problem comes in about 15 years, when the country's baby boomers begin retiring and the government will be asked to pay out more in benefits than it will collect in payroll taxes. In 30 years, Mr. Clinton said, the depleted Social Security bank account will be able to provide only 75 percent of cur-

rent benefits. "One of the reasons we want to move now," he said, "is that by making relatively modest changes oow, we can extend the life of the Social Security trust way out beyond 2029.



Mr. Clinton pointing to a chart showing Social Security in the red in 2029,

POLITICAL NOTES

School Vouchers Fail A Test in Cleveland

WASHINGTON — A new evaluation of one of the few U.S. school dents using the tuition stipends to pay for private education are not achieving better lest scores than students who are still in public schools.

The two-year-old Cleveland program gives 3,000 needy students publicly funded scholarships worth as much as \$2,250 to attend private schools. Advocates have touted the idea, which is one of the most divisive education issues in the country, as a way to give bener learning opportunines to children trapped in failing public schools.

But in a new report commissioned by the state of Ohio, researchers contend that the promise of Cleveland's voucher experiment so far has not been fulfilled. They found 'no significant differences" in achievement in either reading, math or science between students using vouchers and a comparable sample from Cleveland's public schools. Both groups of students were

assessed near the end of the voucher

In a separate measure of the provouchers, for example, have spent a voucher programs has found that stu- total of about \$1.4 million in state school system.

Only one other city, Milwaukee, al- and force her into a rucoff. lows students to use vouchers, but Republican leaders in Congress have the idea atop their education agenda (WP) be up for a full term.

Sonny Bono's Widow Quote/Unquote Elected to Congress

PALM SPRINGS, California Mary Bono won a decisive victory over Ralph Waite in her bid to occupy the congressional seat of her late husband, Sonny Bono.

With 227 of 290 precincts reporting, Mrs. Bono won more than 65 percent of the vote and Mr. Waite 28 percent. Mrs. Bono, 36, is a conservative Republican whose husband died in a good thing to do.

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Mr. Waite, a 69-year-old Democrat, gram's performance, a new audit is was hampered in his campaign because raising questions about how some of its of a contractual commitment that funds are being spent. Studeots with forced him to spend five days a week onstage in New Jersey in the role of Willie Loman in "Death of a Salesmoney to take taxicabs to class, rather than the school huses they would ride if they were part of Cleveland's public fall far short of Mrs. Bono's but that his rebeal surrous." Throughout his campaign, Mr. Waite said that he expected his vote to fall far short of Mrs. Bono's but that his goal was to hold her to under 50 percent

Failing that, he said, he will try again in November, when the House seat will

\$500,000 for Democrats at a dinner held in a tent during a windy rainstorm in Chicago: "This is the way I live every day in Washington, Believe me, I found if you just keep standing up, most of the time the tent won't fall. And if the storm blows over, you won't meli. Ninety percent of it is just showing up every day. It gratifies your friends and defies your enemies. It's a

Automakers in the U.S. Are Starting to Adopt the Side Air Bag

By Keith Bradsher New York Inner Service

DETROIT - Side air bags witt soon be much more common in cars on the American road. Ford Motor Co., concerned by the death rate of

people in cars hit from the side, announced Wednesday that it would offer side air bags on all of its cars and Ford Windstar minivans within the next Ford would become the first mass-market auto-

maker to offer side air bags on all its ears; it has not previously offered such devices on any of its U.S.

General Motors Corp. offers side air hags on a half-dozen of its 81 models. And the automaker said Tuesday it planned to add 15 more over the next two years. Side air bags are already offered in luxury cars

such as BMWs. Mercedes Benzes and Volvos. Ford's side air bags will be huilt into the outer side of both the driver's seat and the from passenger's seat, and will inflate to protect the occupant's neck

new Mercury Cougar coupe this spring and the redesigned Ford Wurdstar this autumn.

Ford said that by the 2001 model year, side air bags would be optional or standard equipment on all its cars. They will be standard equipment on Ford's luxury cars and will become standard equipment on less expensive models as soon as huyers start consistently choosing them as an option, said Robert Rewey, Ford's group vice president for marketing, sales and service.

Side-impact collisions have in recent years accounted for a growing proportion of all deaths in U.S. traffic collisions — now a quarter of all such deaths — as front air bags and seat belts have made frontal collisions less dangerous.

The latest cars and most light trucks are required to carry air bags in front of both front seats as protection from frontal collisions. Regulators estimate that these air bags have saved 3,000 lives in the United States over the last decade, but the force of inflation has accidentally killed 96 people.

AMERICAN TOPICS

A School in California Starts Suspending the Parents, Too

Teachers and administrators in San Juan Capistrano, California, are fed up with rudeness and foul language. So under a new school policy, cursing a teacher can lead to suspension. The rule, however, aims oot at students but at their pareots.

Consider what happened to a school hus driver when he arrived late at one stop. An enraged father demanded the bus keys. When the driver refused, the man lay down in front of the bus. "He was going to hold the hus hostage until he could get the Los Angeles television stations down here to do an exposé," said James Fleming, the schools superintendeot.

recounted, "her door blasts open, and there's a man standing there who says," Get the ... off that phone and come out here and wait oo me. Then he says it again, louder and more obscene." The man wanted a copy of his son's summer school schedule.

They talk about road rage," said Sharon Philippe, a Parcot Teachers Association president. These events can take on that son of atmosphere.

Under the district's new policy, when a parent shouts, curses or becomes demeaning, the parent can be "suspended" and told to leave. If necessary, the police are called. Suspended parents are barred from schoolgrounds for a week.

Ron Wenkart, a school anomey, said that San Juan Capistrano, a picturesque mission town, is not known for unusually aggressive residents. "It's happening all over the couo-

Overcrowding is sometimes to blame. Parking lots are hor spots, where teachers directing traffic have been screamed at and even bumped by cars. "We don't have to call principal at a middle school, was in her office working. "All of a sudden," Mr. Fleming oot have to be a doormal."

Short Takes

El Niño has delivered a savage blow 10 squid fishermen along the California coast. Coastal waters are up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than usual. This has been a boon for sports fishermen because of the greater abundance of exotic species, hut has sent squid, now the biggest staple for the state's commercial fishermen, into deeper waters. From hauls of 100 million pounds last year, catches of squid have dwindled to near zero. reports the Los Angeles Times.

A municipal Judge in Washington state who admitted drinking beer with a defense lawyer and the prosecutor while a jury de-liberated a drunken-driving case has resigned. Judge Ralph Baldwin of Lakewood went out during jury deliberation to buy a 12-pack of beer. He iovited jury members and the lawyers to join him for a drink after the jury returned a guilty verdict. His resignation from the \$65,000-a-year joh came a day after the state's judicial watchdog board hrought charges against him.

Brian Knowlton

Away From Politics

The Pentagon has issued changes in its "don't ask, don't tell" policy oo homosexuals in the military. Defense Sec-retary William Cohen ordered changes intended to ensure the hierarchy fully understands the system and to guarantee that in carrying it out, civil rights are not violated. Mr. Coheo said that some commanders "haven't gotten the message." (WP)

A Belgian who flew to New Mexico for the alleged purpose of having sex with a 13-year-old boy has been arrested on charges of criminal poroography and sexual enticement. The arrest followed months of internet correspondence with an Alhuquerque police detective who posed as "Vern," a made-up 13-year-old boy.

(AP)

More than 7 million youngsters ages 6 to 19 have some bearing loss that may impair their learning ability, according to a federal study that recommends more testing.

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CLINTON: Democrats Strike Back While Starr Continues Compiling Possible Impeachment Report not fallen, and Democratic the charge that Mr. Starr is fund-raising efforts, far from part of a coordinated Repubbeing crippled, appear to have lican attack on the president. Starr advisers say he is "There is a view of a large number of people that you being crippled, appear to have lican attack on the president." Starr advisers say he is number of people that you being crippled, appear to have been working for the report too late in an election of the report too late in an election of people that you being crippled.

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have played out in unforeseen of Mr. Clinton's chief critics.

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"It's unclear whether it all the events or a truncated version that says, 'We've in-vesogated all these issues and not brought indictments,""

Legal obstacles could stretch the inquiry out. One is will be a full explanation of the question of executive all the events or a truncated privilege, invoked hy the version that says, 'We've inWhite House to block grand jury testimony by Clinton advisers. A U.S. district judge is due to rule on the issue soon.

Friday

LEISURE

Travel deals, art exhibits, restaurant reviews and movie guides are just a few of the things you'll find in the Leisure pages. Written with the international reader in mind, this column offers a broad range of options of how to spend leisure time, regardless of where in the world you may be traveling.

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El Niño Drought Hits Panama Canal As Water Levels Plunge, the Authorities Limit Weight of Some Ships

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service PANAMA CITY - El Niño has claimed another victim - the Panama

since 1983, to limit the weight of some amount of cargo.

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"If this lasts for a long time, it will certainly have a worldwide impact economically," said Javier Sarabia, president of Panama Carriers' Corp. The dearth of rainfall also has required water dearth of rainfall also has required water rationing for more than a million resident of the specific that affects weather in many parts of the world.

Meteorologists expect this year's exceptional El Niño weather patterns to ceptional El Niño is a large warm water current in the pacific that affects weather in many parts of the world.

But scientists said that even if the canal commission has imposed a series of restrictions that currently limits the maximum draft allowed on the waterway to 36 feet. Instead of the usual 39.5 feet. The commission said the authorized draft will be dearth of rainfall also has required water reduced to 35.5 feet beginning April 26.

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relatively low shipping rates stemmiog year, canal officials said. Nearly half of A drought brought on by the weather from strong competition, ship owners the canal runs through the lake. Observ-phenomenoo has gripped the canal for have started to charge their customers that the canal runs through the lake. Observ-

The limitations on cargo ships could and rivers that feed the canal would suffer because the surrounding soil was 35 percent below normal. The second driest year was 1976, when rainfall was

down 28 percent. canal commission, said, "This is the lons of fresh water each day to raise and grain industry, one of the neaviest users of the canal—to opt for longer maritime of the canal—to opt for longer maritime enced in the canal. We are talking exof the canal — to opt for longer manufacture outes, industry officials said.

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Since March 12, the canal commis-

Authorities also have undertaken con-

servation steps that have resulted in

canal operations using about 15 percent

The canal -- which was huilt 84 years ago and is the only waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans — has Jorge Espinosa, a meteorologist at the three locks that require millions of galneeds huge amou ols of rainfall to fill the

Tobacco Chief Calls Settlement 'Dead'

Reynolds Co. Will Not Cooperate Because of New Bill in Congress

WASHINGTON — The head of R.J. Reynolds Co. said Wednesday that bis company would no longer work toward getting Coogress to approve a comprehensive tobacco settlement.

He said that his firm stood behind a deal negotiated with 40 states last summer, but that tougher legislation oow moving through Congress was not acceptable.

Steven Goldstone, chief executive of-ficer of RJR Nabisco Holdings, said a leading legislative proposal was designed to raise mooey for government

and might bankrupt his company.

The proposal, fashioned hy Senator
John McCain, Republican of Arizona, would require the tobacco firms to pay hillions more than the deal reached last summer without providing full protection from smokers' lawsuits.

Mr. Goldstone said the legislative effort was "brokeo beyond repair."
"Today it is very clear to me that we

have failed in our effort to achieve a comprehensive resolution of the contentious issues surrouoding tobacco in

LONDON - British scientists

heading a major international breast

cancer study have criticized U.S. re-

of developing the disease.

The Britons, including the doctor

wbo pioneered trials with the drug, tamoxifen, accused the Nadonal Can-

cer Institute io Bethesda, Maryland, of

acting prematurely, jeopardizing the

U.S. study, and perhaps raising false

they said the U.S. researchers would

now be unable to establish whether

tamoxifen actually prevents cancer in high-risk women and saves lives, or

"Our emphasis is to try and get long-term data from this trial." said

delays the onset of the disease.

At a news conference on Tuesday,

Further, Mr. Goldstone said, "I have told my colleagues in the industry that effective today, I no looger see any pur-pose in working toward the Juoe 20th

national settlemeot."

He said he still supported the agreement negotiated last year, "but I see no possibility in this environment to possibility in this environment to possibility." Recause of the roadblocks would have paid just \$368 billioo and significant protections against lawachieve it." Because of the roadblocks in Congress, Mr. Goldstone said, the settlement "is dead."
President Bill Clinton, asked earlier

Congress from taking acooo to try to reduce teen smoking.

"I hope that RJR will reconsider, but there are a lot of options left that still been working for two years on this. I don't intend to stop now."

The Clinton administration is urging Coogress to enact eveo tougher legislation than the legislation passed by a companies reached with 40 state attor-Senate committee last week. The com-oeys general.

the seven-nadon, British-led research

project called the International Breast

Intervention Study. "Unfortuoately, the Americans will not be able to do

Belgium, began four years ago. The researchers say they hope a total of 7,000 women will participate. The final results are not expected for several

On Mooday, officials at the institute

defeoded their decisioo to eod the 6-

year-old tamoxifeo drug trial. Dr.

Leslie Ford said the standards set for

the tamoxifeo trial wben it started were

being followed. She said the trial was

designed to ask whether tamoxifen

said.

The study, so far involving 4,500 a placebo, the study was stopped so that women in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Finland, Switzerland and land, Spain, Finland, Switzerland and But experts in Londoo said they felt

U.K. Scientists Fault Cancer Study

searchers for cutting short a drug trial that oow because, to be frank, they are and claiming that a drug halves the risk prematurely stopping their trial," he

Tooy Howell of Christie's Hospital in could prevent breast cancer. "We all Manchester, England, co-chairman of felt the question had been answered,"

our country," he told the National Press
Club.

Further, Mr. Goldstone said, "I have mittee-passed hill would force tobacco companies to pay \$506 billion over 25 years and curb advertising that critics say helps lure teenagers to smoke. But the bill also would deny the industry much of the legal protection from product liability suits that it woo in the

> won significant protections against lawsuits by smokers and their families.

President Bill Clinton, asked earlier With momentum gathering behind wednesday about speculation that RJR would not support the tobacco bill, told reporters, "It certainly does not prohibit any deal. And their cooperation is important because the bill's restrictions on advertising could be challenged as un-

constitutional.

Mr. Goldstone said tobacco compahave to be explored," he said. "I've nies had not realized "the depth of mistrust" toward their industry.

He said the administration, Coogress and public health advocates had all worked to undercut the deal the tobacco

She said a statistical evaluation

showed there was a clear difference in

the incidence of breast cancer among

womeo taking the drug compared to women who were not. Since half of the

3,388 women in the trial were getting

the action was precipitous.
"The Americans have unblinded the trial, which means it will be unbal-

anced and they will not be able to

answer many questions," said Dr. Tre-vor Powles of Royal Marsdeo Hospital

first pilot study oo tamoxifeo's sup-

posed anti-carcinogenic effects, said it

looked as if the benefits of the drug were

likely to substantially outweigh the risks but it was too early to be sure.

Dr. Powles, who in 1986 headed the



Ian Paisley, head of Democratic Unionists, continued to voice his dissent.

ULSTER: Rivals Urged to Compromise

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in the last 29 years, were jeopardized Tuesday when the Ulster Unionist Party rejected a set of proposals that the party leader, Mr. Trimble, castigated as Catholic blueprint for a united Ireland, free of British control, run by the Dublin. A united Ireland, an abomination to most Protestants, is the goal of many Catholics, including the IRA and Sin Fein.

The proposals were issued to the parties Tuesday by George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who is chairman of the talks, after weeks of consulting with Mitchell's proposal, Mr. Blair flew here for a two-hour meeting with Mr. Trimble. The two posed smiling for pbotographers, bot did oot disclose their

cooversatioo. But Mr. Trimble's allies made it clear British province will not change without

This guarantee is already stated explicitly in several formal policy documents signed by London and Dublin. Mr. Trimble oceds that guarantee to fend off

parties, Sinn Fein and the mainstream oot intractable. "We want to make peace Social Democratic Labor Party of John with the Unionists," he said.

Hume, to compromise.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ahern is under pressure from Mr. Trimble to disclose the specifics of his promise to tone down Ireland's constitutional claim to sovereignty in the North. The most difficult issoes discussed Wednesday were the proposed steps to drastically change the political structure of the province, which has been ruled directly from London since 1972.

This involves the creation of two new governmental bodies, one an elected provincial assembly, the other a crossborder council with ministers from the North and from the Irish Republic, Caththe parties and with the Irisb and Britisb olics insist that the oew assembly have governments, which sponsored of the talks and set the Thursday deadline, Within hours of the rejection of Mr. fearing that this would give the Catholic minority too moch power - and possibly give a cabinet post to Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president who is the devil incarnate for many Protestants.

The Catholics want the North-South council to have power to make binding that he wants any agreement to inclode a decisions oo both sides of the border in statement that the political status of the areas such as tourism and agriculture. Mr. Trimble and other Protestants see

the approval of the majority, which is likely to remain Protestant well into the new century.

this as an Irisb Trojan horse.

Keo Maginnis, the deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said, "We are oot prepared to have an embryo all-Ireland government-in-waiting.'
Mr. Adams, who abandooed his effort

for an immediate united Ireland, is one attacks by Protestant hard-liners that he is of many Catholic leaders who want a selling out the Protestants' British heritage strong cross-border group. Two months to Catholic terrorists. Wednesday mornago, the Irish foreign minister, David attack Jewish targets to avenge the death ing, Mr. Blair met for 70 minutes with Andrews, confounded Protestants, and of a bomb-maker whose killing the Prime Minster Bertie Ahern of Ireland. some officials in his own government, group has blamed oo Israel, Reuters re-Mr. Ahera theo returned to Duhlin for when he said the new cross-border body bis mother's funeral, and was to return would be an embryo of an all-island Wednesday night to the talks in Belfast. government ruled from Dublin. Wed-He is expected to urge the two Catholic nesday, Mr. Adams sounded tough, but

Netanyahu Millim Sends Envoy To U.S. for Fresh Talks

The Assurtated Press

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dispatched a se-nior adviser to the United States on Wednesday for fresh talks on Israel's overdue West Bank withdrawal, and Jewish settlers threatened to seize more land if the Palestinians declared statehood.

Yizhak Molcho headed to Washington in advance of a return visit to the region by the U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross. Mr. Ross is expected to arrive after Passover week, which begins Friday night.

"Molcho is taking with him progress reports." Mr. Netanyahu adviser's, Uzi Arad, said oo Israel's Army Radio. "The process is moving forward, and more progress is expected."
Mr. Arad said Mr. Molcho would also

ask the Americans for "clarifications"

on several points. The United States is pressing Mr. Net-anyahu to withdraw from 12 to 15 percent of the West Bank in the oext stage of withdrawal, but Mr. Netanyahu has said he cannot give more than about 9 per-cent. Israel has eogaged in a flurry of diplomacy aimed at preventing a public announcement of the U.S. initiative.

The Palestinians have said they expect far more than 15 percent in the next withdrawal, but have privately signaled they would accept the American plan.

Israeli news reports said Wednesday that Mr. Netanyahu's government was considering a plan under which Israel would turn over 9 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control, and 3 percent more to Palestinian civil control. The Palestinians currently have full or

partial cootrol over 27 percent of the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli cabinet secretary, Danny Naveh, speaking oo Israel Radio, said he

did not know of any such proposal. Jewish settler leaders, meanwhile, said they were preparing a contingency plan in case the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, makes good on his vow to declare an independent Palestinian state if no final peace settlement is reached by the May 1999 deadline set in interim Israel-Palestinian agreements.

The settlers are pressing the government to pass a bill saying that if Mr. Arafat makes soch a declaration, Israel will annex all territory under Israeli se-curity control, Army Radio said.

■ Hamas Urges Attacks on Jews

The military wing of the Muslim militant group Hamas urged Muslims and Arabs around the world Wednesday to

ported from Jerusalem. The group repeated its dismissal of the findings of a Palestinian Authority investigatioo released Mooday that said the bomb-maker, Muhyiaddin Sharif, was killed by other members of Hamas.

BOSNIA: Karadzic May Have Fled Stronghold Under Pressure

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Prijedor. Many of the prisoners, who included Muslim and Croat leaders and intellectuals, were taken from the camp and executed, their bodies dumped down nearby mine shafts, according to investigators. The men were indicted in Feb-

The arrests were carried out by speunder the control of British troops.

There are 74 people from the former Yugoslavia who have been indicted hy the court publicly for war crimes. The court has also issued an unknown oumber of secret indictments. There are now 25 suspects in custody in The Hague.

Special forces from France, the United States, the Netherlands and Britain have been training for several weeks to carry out a possible abduction of Mr. Karadzic from Pale, the seat of the Bosolan Serb wartime leadership, according to Western diplomats. These officials, who said they were unsure where Mr. Karadzic was or if he had left Pale temporarily, said an effort to seize him within a few weeks was under "serious consideration.

"Karadzic's days at large are becoming sborter and shorter," said Carlos Westendorp, the top international official in charge of implementing the peace agreement in Bosnia. "His power base bas diminished. He no longer bas political cootrol. His special police are oow under the control of SFOR and the money be was able to make off the black market is scarcer and scarcer. The rope around his neck is tightening. Within a mooth he should be in The Hague, either because he goes voluntarily or because

he is taken. North Atlantic Treaty Organizatioo

copter gunships and armor to capture Mr. Karadzic, who is guarded by 400 Bosnian town of Omarska, outside well-armed special police. These commanders have been reluctant to go ahead with a snatch, fearing a popular backlash by the Bosnian Serbs against the 34,000 NATO-led troops. NATO planners bove estimated that the operation would leave between 20 and 40 dead among the assault force, a number considered too high by many NATO countries, espe-

Western diplomats in Sarajevo, however, said they believed that the heavy firepower at the disposal of the NATO-led force would swiftly demor-alize Mr. Karadzic's bodyguard. They also increasingly discount reprisals by Bosnian Serbs, who bave seen their entity in Bosnia split into two parts, with a rival leadership based in Banja Luka openly condemning Mr. Karadzic and his associates as "war criminals."

'Two Apache attack belicopters and these police surrender and leave like ' a senior European diplomat said. 'I doubt at this point anything would happen."

The town, with its dilapidated chalets and rows of forlorn womeo sitting oo the ceotral street selling cigarettes showed little life on Wednesday afternoon.

There were, however, signs that Mr. Karadzic's personal force had pulled oot. A guard post less than a bundred meters from the three-story whitepainted house of Mr. Karadzic, usually manned day and night, stood empty. The house itself, usually surrounded by the police, also appeared to have been abandoned. The factory where Mr. Karadzic works also appeared to be deserted and the usual cootinge ot of police at the front

commanders have estimated that they noticed nothing onusual and insisted that safe country for him at the moment is would oeed 800 troops backed by belibe had not lived in his home for North Korea."



Western diplomats in Sarajevo four tanks in front of his house would see warned that any country offering him refuge would be pressured to turn him over to the international court in The The war crimes tribunal has charged

Mr. Karadzic and the former Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Mladic, who apparently remains you simply cannot do trade. at a well-guarded military base in Bosnia, with two counts of genocide. The Bosnian Serb leaders oversaw the murder of thousands of Muslims and Croats during the war and drove tens of thousands from their bomes in a brutal

campaign of 'ethnic cleansing.'

"He may have just left Pale temporarily," Mr. Westendorp said. "If I were him, I wouldn't stay in Pale. If these rumors about him going to Russia are true, then this will be a problem for gate withdrawn. the Russian anthorities. He may also be Neighbors of Mr. Karadzic said they in Serbia. I would guess that the only

TAIWAN: Doubts Cast on Role of Japan

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Mr. Siew said: "This is not a poliocal agenda; this is a financial and ecocomic agenda. Why they have to complicate it into a sovereignty issue I just don't understand. If you want to turn all economic issues into political issues, then

Cooperation between Taiwan and could allow the two sides to skirt thorny political issues and move cross-straits relations to a new level, Mr. Siew said. China cut off oegotiations with

Taiwan for more than two years after a visit by President Lee Teng-hui to the United States in 1995. Since November, however, communications bave been reestablished, and there have been some signs of easing tensions.

"There are a lot of economic and financial issues," Mr. Siew said, "that require joint action, so we bope that our proposal could serve as a beginning for

China and Taiwan must move to encourage stability among Asian markets, Mr. Siew said. Despite large currency would not devalue the yuan. A Chinese devaluation is widely viewed by economists and other analysts as a move that would be likely to set off another round of China in the face of the economic crisis currency turmoil across the region and

possibly around the world. "We are not saying that the two sides can do it alone," Mr. Siew said, "hut we can join together with many other couotries and have the capability."

the regioo in a manner complementing programs already put in place by the International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank.

"This would be done in parallel to multilateral organizations and focus oo trade financing, technical assistance, en-couraging investment and other issues." A major impetus for such economic

cooperation is the increasingly tight relaconship between businesses in Taiwan and mainland China, Mr. Siew added. While direct communication, trade, in-

island and mainland China are still prohibited, Taiwan investors have poured investment into mainland business ever since restrictions were eased in 1987. Exact figures are impossible to calculate because investments are registered

in third coootries, but the Taiwan govemment now estimates that companies from the island had invested \$26 billion in the mainland by the end of last year, up from \$1.5 billion a decade earlier.

land because of the dangers it could pose the island's economy.

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give mainland China's most-favorednation status, our investors would most definitely suffer." said Mr. Chiang of

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devaluations by many of China's export are in trouble. For example, 75 percent rivals. Beijing has repeatedly said it of the yew family - which produces the anu-cancer drug taxol — is threatened with extinction globally. Even familiar " groups are in trouble, incloding approximately 14 percent of roses, 32 perceo of lilies and irises and 29 perceot of

More than half of all prescription drugs are modeled oo natural compounds and a If Beijing agreed, Mr. Siew said, his fourth are taken directly from plants or proposal would link economies around are chemically modified versions of are chemically modified versions of plant substances.

'Plants bave historically provided some of the most important drugs that we have," said a chemist, David King-stoo of Virginia Tech Uoiversity. That list includes such celebrated staples as morphine, aspirin and quinine, as well as a number of less common drugs such as ano-cancer medications derived from the periwinkle.

We've screened about 50,000 plant species so far and gotten about 50

Diversity provides a biological buffer 'against things like climate change or migrations,' said a U.S. Fish and Wild-life Service biologist, John Fay. "Every time we lose a species of plant we're losing a unique gene pool that has uodetermined but possibly very significant

vation Union, which is known as the Wildlife Fund, the Nature Conservancy.

Nonetheless, the level of Taiwanese in general with a 1987 study from the

We just don't know how important (5) these things are, 'she said, 'and that's

Rwanda Asks World To Prosecute Killers

KIBUYE, Rwanda - Four years after the genocide that left as many as a million dead. Rwanda has called on the international community to face up to its responsibilioes and belp bring the perpetrators of the killings to

In a ceremooy to commemorate the 1994 genocide and end a week of mourning, President Pasteur Bizimungu called on the European Union and Canada to extradite known criminals living in their countries. Here in Rwanda, we do not bear any grudge against

Europe," he said. "But I want to also point out that it was the Europeans who are responsible for this type of cbaos we have here.

He added: "People who were leading the genocide are free in Europe. Europe must bring them to book." The EU special envoy to the Great Lakes, Aldo Ajello. was among foreigo officials who attended the cere-

Rwanda remains beset by violence, with Hutu rebels stepping up their campaign against the Tutsi-dominated army since December, attacking refugee camps and other

civilian and military targets. Mr. Bizimungu also asked the Canadian government to extradite a former top official of the previous gov-

emment, Leon Mugesera. 'I see the Canadian ambassador here," Mr. Bizimungu said. ''Canada should extradite Leon Muge-sera.' Mr. Mugesera was a key aide to President Juvenal Habyarimana, an ethnic Hutu who was killed, along with President Cyrpien Ntaryamira of Burundi, when his plane was shot down in April 1994.

LEVIS: Jeans Maker to Resume Its China Business flex those muscles is very hard."

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that he hoped Levi Strauss would allow his organization to monitor the company's factories.

But the decision may exacerbate concern about conditions in Asian factories that churn out goods for American companies. Nike Inc. was criticized last year when an internal audit found unsafe working conditions at a plant that made Nike athletic shoes in

A new report by the National Labor Committee, a bumanrights advocacy group in Washington, says that factories in China routinely work their employees 60 to 70 bours a week.

When Levi Strauss announced its withdrawal in 1993, it seemed to be a lone holdout against corporate America's stampede into China. No other American company has followed suit — a fact that human-rights advocates said

cial reforms. they're so influential." said Robin Munro, the director of the Hong Kong office of Human Rights start a direct-marketing operation Watch Asia. "But to get them to in the mainland, It already has

Even Levi Strauss oever fully abandoned China. The company still makes 800,000 units of clothing a year in the country down from 3 million units before 1993. But it does oot sell any

clothing there. Mr. Jacobi said Levi Strauss decided to withdraw from China after it found evidence of child labor, forced labor and a military presence at factories that produced Levi Strauss clothing. The company's guidelines prohibit it from using factories that permit child labor, forced labor or ex-

cessive work hours. "We were concerned that our association with these kinds of things would put our reputation at

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demonstrated the difficulty of us- It decided to throw open the door ing corporations to push for so- to China after intense lobbying from its Asian division and after "We always want the corpo- consulting other multinational rations to play a role because companies active in the country. The company, which is based in San Francisco, now even plans to

such an operation in Hong Kong. Jim Fraser, the president of Levi Strauss Asia Pacific, said China could become the key manufacturing center for the company's Japanese and Korean markets, which generate two-thirds of its \$468 million in Asian sales.

China's thawing relationship with the United States did not play a part in the company's decision. Mr. Jacobi said. But he acknowledged that it was easier to make such a move in this climate.

In 1993, Levi Strauss's decision to leave put an uncomfortable spotlight on the company. Mr. Jacobi said Levi Strauss would vigilantly monitor its new

Chinese factories to make sure they complied with the guidelines. But some labor activists said that even well-intendifficult to police every factory - in part because the contractors sewing buttons or stitching pants, to smaller factories.

'We can't imagine how you could effectively manage these codes of conduct." said Jennifer Porges, a spokesman for the Asia Monitor Resource Center, a human-rights group that focuses on

PLANTS:

Widespread extinctions might affect' medical science, according to the report.

drugs," Mr. Kingston said, "so that's about one per thousand." The loss of vestment and travel links between the 34,000 species, therefore, might doom development of 34 pharmaceuticals if the same rado applies.

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presidential elections a year ago and the conservatives who have dominated the country since the Islamic Revolution of 1979.

The mayor. Gholam-Hossein Karbaschi, 44, is a close ally of President Mohammed Khatami, the moderate cleric elected in May with about 70 percent of the vote. Mr. Khatami's government and its supporters have condemned the mayor's detention as groundless and politically motivated.

But they have proven powerless to reverse the action, which was ordered by leaders of the judiciary, Tehran-based diplomais and analysis say. Mr. Khatami has no direct authority over the judiciary, whose hard-line leader, Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi, reports to Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, the conservative who succeeded the revolutionary leader, Ayaiollah

Khomeini, as Iran's supreme leader. Bin Mr. Khatami came to power promising to restore "rule of law" in Iran, and he and his people have boldly taken on the judiciary, condemning -pauthorized invasions of people's homes and de-vending the right of people to assemble and demonstrate legally. The arrest of the mayor is therefore seen as a direct challenge.

The conservatives sent a message through the judiciary," said Jahangeer Behrouz, a political analyst who lives in Tehran. "The message is that

denied wrongduing.

The arrest has brought to the surface the kinds of tensions that have summered beneath Iranian polities since Mr. Khatami's stunning election victory

President Khatami condemned the detention of the Tehran mayor as politically motivated.

over a conservative supported by the country's

ruling elite.
While the sheer magnitude of Mr. Khatami's election provided him with a substantial political mandate, it did little to alter the basic balance of power in tran, as it is spelled out in the constitution drafted soon after Mr. Khomeini returned from exile in France to preside over the establishment a of theocracy. The constitution grants supreme power to a religious leader regarded as God's representative on earth, and since Mr. Khomeini's death in 1989, that leader has been Mr. Khamenei.

Mr. Yazdi has been scomful in responding to complaints about the treatment of Mr. Karbaschi and his subordinates, the subjects of a sweeping investigation into municipal corruption in Tehran that judicial authorities began soon after Mr.

Already, more than four dozen deputy mayors and other high-ranking municipal officials have instead under a statute that allows a suspect to be been charged with corruption in the case. Many of those taken into custody have complained after being released that they were tortured in prison.

Under the constitution, Iran's president norminally heads the executive branch of the government, but the supreme leader holds sway not just over the judiciary, but also the police, the armed forces and fran's state-controlled radio and television stations.

Reports in Iranian newspapers Tuesday said Mr. Karbaschi was interrogated for six hours Monday at Even prison, a maximum-security installation outside Tehran, and that he would soon be tried in a court charged with prosecuting crimes committed

by government employees. He has also headed a powerful political machine that publishes a newspaper, and his support during the elections last year is regarded by Iranian analysts as having been crucial in Mr. Khatami's victory.

But the mayor also has many enemies, not all of them political foes. He can sometimes be brash, and some Iranians have suspected there may be some truth to allegations of wrongdoing in the municipality, which under Mr. Karbaschi has imposed steep tax increases and charged entrepreneurs large sums for building permits.

In interviews as early as last October, Mr. Karbaschi called the investigations of him and his subordinates an attempt by the conservatives defeated in last year's elections "to take revenge against the winners.

IMF: Jakarta and Fund Set Third Rescue Plan, but Markets Reflect Skepticism Continued from Page 1

stallment last month because of concero that Jakarta was not implementing some of the changes that the president had personally agreed to in

Critics said the Indonesian leader had had second thoughts because the reforms failed to reverse the collapse in the value of the Indonesian currency, the rupiah, and had also aggravated social unrest, and threatened the monopolies and other privileges given by the government to favored business groups, including relatives and friends of Mr. Suharto.

In the January agreement with the IMF, subsidies were to have been quickly eliminated, while fuel and power prices were to have gone up this month.

But an IMF negotiating team, which has been reviewing the economic situation in Indonesia over the past three weeks, agreed to the subsidy and price deal to protect the poor in a country with a population of 200 million where recent riots over rising monitoring by the Indonesian govprices of food and essentials quickly erament in close cooperation with the

Chinese nunority that controls much of the retail trade.

For its part, the IMF said in a statement issued in Jakarta that central elements of the Indonesian reforms to be announced Thursday included a strong monetary policy to ensure sta-hilization of the rupiah, intensified bank restructuring to build an efficient financial system, and a comprehensive ageoda of structural reform to increase competition and efficiency in the economy, which would reinforce the January agree-

The IMF also said that the reforms would include accelerated work on developing a framework with foreign creditors to restore trade financing for Indonesia and resolve corporate deht

"The credibility of the program depends on its full implementation," the statement said. The IMF said that a number of measures ensured that the agreement

would be carried out, including daily

turned into attacks on the ethnic IMF, the World Bank and the Asian with the IMF had been completed. Development Bank, It said that the IMF executive board

would review the program and provide the withheld loan installment to Indonesia only after a series of agreed prior actions had been implemented by Jakaria. The board would then conduct frequent reviews of the Indonesian program.

Neil Saker, head of Southeast action. Asian economic research in the Singapore office of SG Securities Ltd. a unit of the Societe Generale financial services group of France, said the IMF would try to "hold a very tight leash" over Indonesia to prevent fu-

problems ahead with Indonesia. where the banking system is in danger of collapse. Basically, I don't think standstill. the package will work because it won't tackle the debt issue effective-

But analysts said that the mood in financial markets and among investors was cautious.

The package looks good, but all three of them have looked good," said Andy Tan, geoeral manager of Standard & Poor's/MMS financial research service in Singapore, "What we need is not fine words but tangible

Banking reform and resolving the corporate deht crisis in Indonesia are regarded as central elements in restoring confidence in the economy and currency.

The collapse of the rupiah from the ture backsliding.

"But the markets have yet to be convinced that program will be carried out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said. "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out," he said the level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment, thrown most comparied out, "I still see a lot of level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment in the level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered sharp increases in prices and unemployment in the level of 2.400 to the dollar in July has triggered s cause they cannot repay their foreign loans, and brought trade to a virtual

Mr. Ginandjar said that Indooesia would follow a Mexican model in settling the debt problem, which Stocks rose in Jakarta and the rupi-ah strengthened slightly to 8.525 to the dollar on the news that the talks private debt of \$74 billion.



BOLIVIAN UNREST - Students in La Paz demanding state aid. They were backed by the striking Bolivian Workers' Confederation. In the central Chapare region Wednesday, police and troops lifted coca-leaf farmers' roadblocks.

Rights Groups Urge Pressure on Kenya

NAIROBI - International human-rights groups urged diplomats and donors on Wednesday to increase pressure on the Keoyan government to stop ethnic violence, prosecute those responsible and carry oo with democratic reforms.

Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Article 19 said that since December elections, moves to improve human rights had not been sustained, and international attention had shifted from Keoya.

Human Rights Watch said that politically instigated killings were still going on in central Kenya, and that thousands of persons displaced sioce 1991 in violence against communities of ethnic tribespeople that supported the political opposition had neither returned home nor received adequate aid.

Diplomat Takes Over As Mossad's Director

JERUSALEM - Seven months after a botched assassioation attempt against an Islamic militant leader in Jordan, the head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency

the Mossad chief, Danny Yatom, of re- authorities in Piura, Peru, said. (Reuters)

sponsibility for the operation against the Hamas political leader, Khaled Meshal. Mr. Yatom was replaced by Ephraim Halevy, a veteran Mossad official and diplomat. His appointment was announced last

Lower House in Haiti Approves New Leader

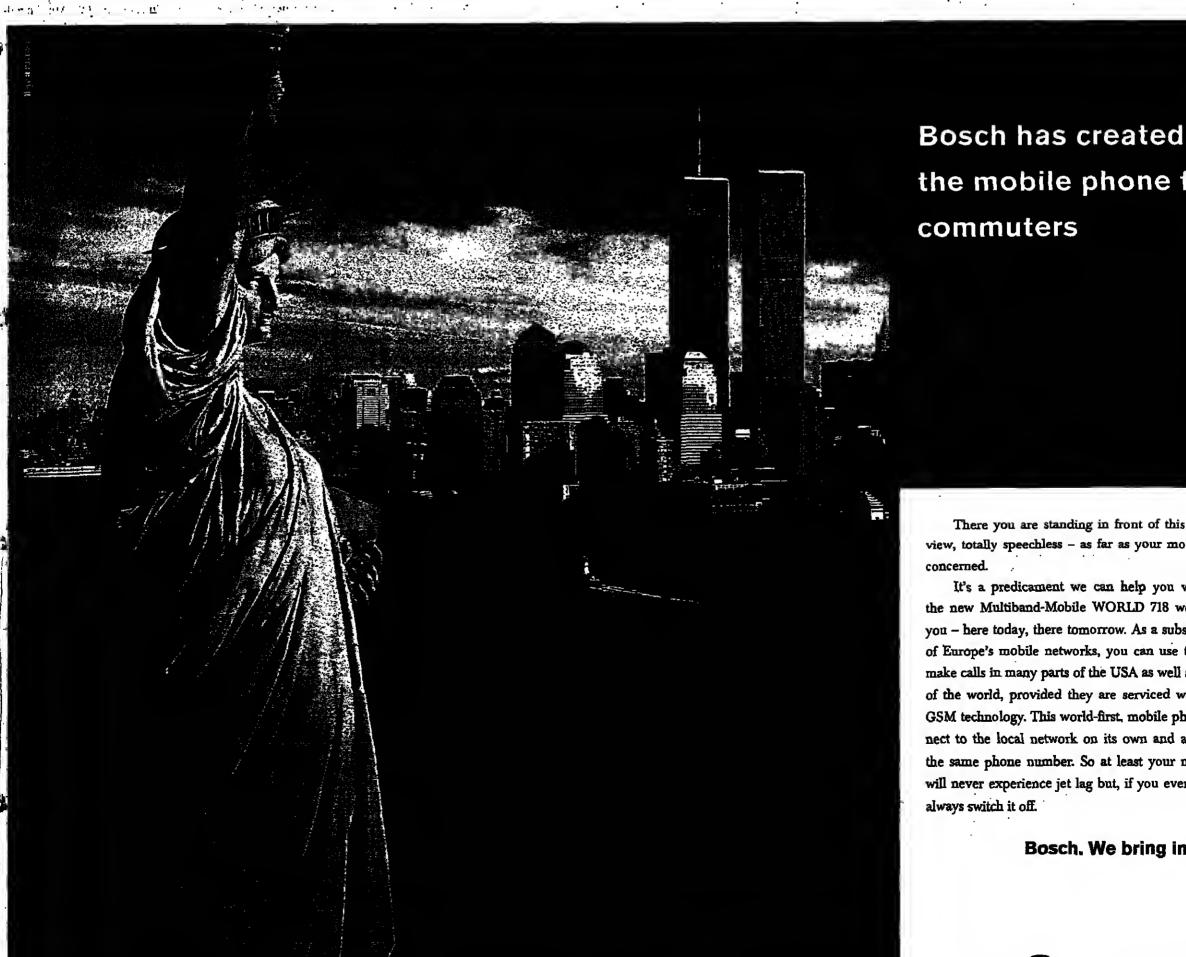
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Haiti's lower house of Parliament on Tuesday approved President Rene Preval's nominee for prime minister, Herve Denis.

The Chamber of Deputies vote was 41 to 23, with 3 abstentioos, Mr. Denis needs Senate approval, and both houses must approve his government plan.

For the Kecord

Land and property disputes between Huave Indians and Zapotec Indians io the state of Oaxaca, in southern Mexico, exploded in violence this week, leaving at least 3 people dead and 20 others held hostage, the state anomey general's office

A radio journalist who championed peasant farmers' rights, Isabel Chumpitaz, stepped down Wednesday. was slain at home along with her husband by about a dozen unknown assailants, the



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U.S. Envoy Learning Ways of Japan

Some See Former House Speaker as Being Too Lenient on Tokyo

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service

from President Bill Clinton my, Thomas Foley is being a little bit more polite.

dor to Japan. is conveying much the same message. But right now in Tokyo, his soft and diplomatic style may envoy in the offices of Prime

a domestic staff of 13 --- not status and privilege of a minor (1.88 meters) towers over his might not be tough enough. Japanese counterparts as he

like to be put regularly in his place, especially by a small, elderly woman wearing a tra-

tile bit more polite.

Sense of what the proper Japwest, where trade with Japan Mr. Foley, the former anese form is," Mr. Foley is significant. He was only the speaker of the House who is said. "I'm looking for the the new American ambassa- shortest, quickest, easiest ceive Japan's highest civilian phrase, and she's, 'No. no, that's not really the best."

Mr. Foley is unlikely to be the taken any time sooo for a nanamed after one of Japan's make him a more welcome tive Japanese speaker. But as national flowers. he wrestles with beginning Minister Kyutaro Hashimoto. language classes, he also has Mr. Foley lives in a lux- an image to overcome as a urious mansion, catered to by longtime friend of Japan.

There was some grumbling including his two Japanese in American business circles bodyguards — and enjoys the here, even in the U.S. Embassy, that Mr. Foley deity in Tokyo. But even Mr. throughout his career had been Foley, who at 6 feet 2 inches too cozy with Japan and that he

His predecessor, Walter exhorts them on weighty is- Mondale, was a tough negosues like the conomy, is tiator, while some trade hardcareful not to drop the full liners worry that Mr. Foley weight of American pressure may be a member of what is visited Japan.

derisively referred to as the He knows himself what it is Chrysanthemum Club, meaning those who applaud Japan a bit too heartily.

They note that Mr. Foley down harmers Japan these ditional kimono: his Japanese has long been warmly redays to stimulate its econoteacher. "She has a very acute his roots io the Pacific Northfourth American ever to rehonor, the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, the Paulownia Flowers,

> Since he arrived in November, Mr. Foley has cut ribbons at American trade shows, offered remarks at a Keotucky Fried Chicken outlet, eaten grilled salmon cooked in American styles, and held breakfasts for local American

> business groups.
> Mr. Foley has also tried to use his long friendship with Japanese officials to his advantage. As a congressman for 30 years, five of them as speaker, Mr. Foley regularly

"He has been pretty vis-ible," said Glen Fukushima, president of the American Chamber of Commerce of Japan and a former Commerce Department official. "He's built up a Rolodex of Japanese contacts over the years,

especially in politics." Yet Mr. Foley has been a hit less public than some other U.S. officials in twisting Japanese arms to get Tokyo to stimulate its economy. In the last few months, Clinton administration officials have been increasingly blunt in de-manding that Japan take major steps to boost its economy to help Asia out of its finan-cial crisis and avoid a global

Mr. Foley has argued the same case, but, at least publicly, with a bit less heat than

some Washington officials, Still, Mr. Folcy met briefly on Tuesday with Mr. Hashimoto, who plans to announce tax cuts on Wednesday. And he held meetings at the Fi- careful not to claim credit for commend, but ultimately it's nance Ministry last December just a day or so before Mr. determining Japanese econot a matter where we can determine the decision.



Tom Foley has an image as a longtime friend of Japan.

Hashimoto annonnced a sur-prise tax cut of nearly \$16 billion. It seems that Mr. Fo-

"We're not pulling our punches." Mr. Foley said. We're being frank and canley leaned heavily on Japan to did on the economic side. We take such a step, but be is can give our advice and re-

Minister in India Berlin Rehn Onite De **Quits Before Trial**

NEW DELHI - The minister for surface transport resigned Wednesday after a court that was investigating corruption ordered him to stand trial.

The resignation of the minister, R. Muthiah, was the first setback to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 20-day-old coalition government, an alliance that was put together more than a week after India's inconclusive general elections ended. Mr. Muthiah is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Partv's

key southern ally, the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra President K.R. Narayanan, who accepted the resignation on

the advice of the prime minister, directed Law Minister M. Thambi Durai to also take over the Surface Transport Ministry, a statement from the presidential palace said.

Mr. Muthiah, who belongs to a key Tamil regional constituent of the Hindu nationalist-led government, said he was innocent of the allegations of corruption for which a special court in the southern city of Madras said he should stand trial. The confusaid Tuesday there was prima facie evidence to try Mr. Muthiah on charges of acquiring assets disproportionate to his known sources of income while he was speaker of the Tamil

Nadu state legislature from July 1991 to October 1994. "The inputs provided by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption are enough to frame charges against him, the judge ruled after dismissing defense arguments that the case against the minister was politically motivated.

The Press Trust of India news agency quoted Mr. Muthiah as saving he had resigned on moral grounds and would prove

his innocence in court. 'This is nothing but political vendetta," Mr. Muthiah was

quoted as saying.

BRIEFLY

Hong Kong Authority Wraps Up

HONG KONG — The appointed legislature that took office when Hong Koog returned to Chinese rule wrapped up its work Wednesday in a flurry of self-congratulation and bitter criticism foreshadowing an election campaign that will highlight Beijing's future role.

Although China has generally been credited with keep-ing hands off Hong Kong, human-rights groups and political parties pressing for more democracy say they see

worrying signs of a slow rollback in the rule of law.

They charge that the legislature, appointed by China when it regained sovereignty on July 1, failed to challenge the Hong Kong government on any key legislation. The legislature was "simply a rubber stamp," Yeung Sum, a leader of the Democratic Party, Hong Kong's

largest, said. "The coming legislature will be totally different." Members of the legislature declared their work historic, and denied it was a ruhber-stamp body. The new legislature will be elected May 24. (AP)

China Fights Over Holy Tooth

BELIING — Adding a strange twist to its longtime rivalry with Taiwan, China claimed Wednesday that a holy tooth that Taiwan is hoping will improve the island's fortunes may not be so special after all.

Yet China's attempt to cast doubt on the authenticity of the tooth believed to have come from the mouth of Buddha appeared motivated more by politics than re-ligion: While questioning the tooth's origins, Chinese officials have sought to have it brought to China, rather

The 2,000-year-nid tooth was given to Taiwan by Buddhist monks in India who say it was taken from a temple in Tibet in 1968.

The tooth is to arrive Thursday from Thailand. Thai authorities resisted Chinese pressure to return it to China,

according to Master Hsin Yun, whose Fu Kuang Temple will house the tooth in Taiwan.

President Lee Teng-hui is to attend a mass prayer ccremony for the tooth Saturday.

Protest in Beijing Over Subway

BEIJING - Dozens of Beijing residents staged a rare public protest Wednesday over plans to demolish their homes to make way for a new subway line.

Witnesses said up to 50 people gathered outside the headquarters of the Beijing city government, just a few blocks from Tiananmen Square, the heart of the Chinese

They were persuaded to leave in a hus provided by authorities, but only after a confrontation with roughly the same number of police officers. (Reuters)

16 Indonesia Students Injured

JAKARTA - Policemen fired tear gas and used riot sticks to stop students from marching into the streets during an anti-government campus protest Wednesday in Indonesia's second largest city, Surabaya.

Witnesses said at least 16 students were injured. Several thousand studeots from 13 universities joined the rally at the state-run Airlangga University, said Andi Ardianto, a lawyer from the Indonesian Legal Aid Fouodation. He said two students were hospitalized.

Cambodia Approves 🔒 Rally Aimed at Prince

The Associated Press PHNOM PENH — Plans

for a rally on Friday that will call for barring the royal family from politics have received government approval, the Interior Ministry announced Wednesday.

The protest is clearly aimed at Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was deposed as co-prime minister last year. and will be staged a day before the scheduled return of his father, King Norodom Sihanouk, from medical treatment in China.

The demonstrators are scheduled to march on the Nathat body — which is over- similar protest a year ago. whelmingly controlled by Prince Ranariddh's arch-rival Hun Sen, to amend electoral laws to ban members of the

royal family from politics. marred by violence by pro-

Hun Sen demonstrators.

Bangkok, plans to return again to meet his father in the northern city of Siem Reap. Meanwhile, a Cambodian

labor union said it was planning a rally Friday against factory owners who did not obey labor laws. Foreign-owned garment

factories have been accused of imposing harsh cooditions on their workers in Cambodia, such as forcing overtime, paying substandard wages and not allowing sick leave.

The U.S. State Departmen ? urged American cilizens to stay clear of the labor demoostration, fearing a repeat of a tional Assembly and to call on lethal grenade attack against a The Free Workers Trade

Union is allied with the opposition politician Sam Rainsy. When a demonstration led by Mr. Rainsy, con-Prince Ranariddh returned sisting mostly of women texto Cambodia from nine tile workers protesting Mr. months of exile for a five-day Hun Sen's control of the ju-visit last week that was diciary, was attacked with grenades in March 1997, at un Sen demonstrators. least 16 people were killed.

The prince, currently in and more than 100 wounded.

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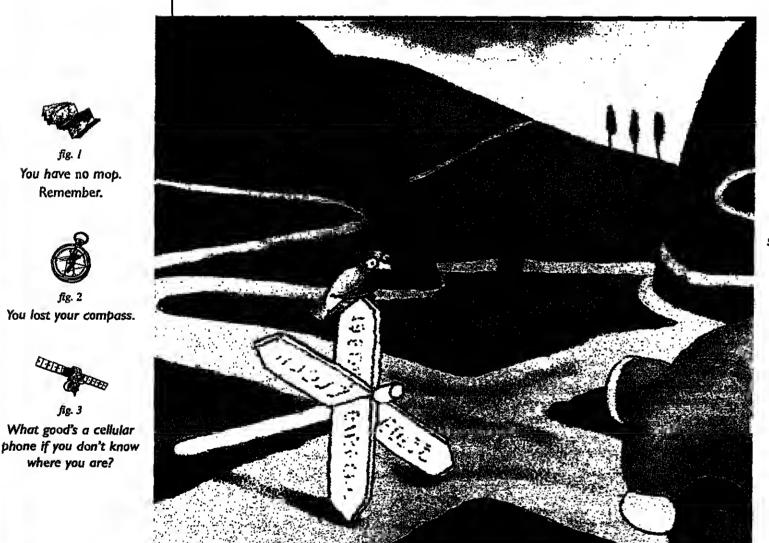
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BERLIN - For 10 years or so, Dietmar Arnold has been seriously, heavily into the underground. Not the political or musical underground, but the physical underground; the tun-

nels, caverns, hunkers, sewers and cavities that. he says, provide a subterranean history of Berlin that may soon be lost under the city's gargantuan Here, Mr. Amold, a 33-year-old city planner, says as he prods at the charts and diagrams that adorn a recently published book on the subject. are the places where Hitler and Eva Braun took

refuge: here are the underground postal tubes

that moved mail at a brisk 10tt meters per minute

("the forerunner of the fax"), and here are

places where spies dwell and would be escapees

icled, plintographed and measured, though, raised other issues. The city authorities recently discovered the bunker that ran underneath the villa built for losel Goebels, Hitler's propaganda minister. And, embarrassingly enough, they also discovered that it ran perilously cluse to another site, the projected location of Berlin's contentions memorial to the Jews of Europe slain in the Helocaust.

The discovery of the Griebbels's hunker has opened a new argument that Mr. Arnold puts like this: If the dreadful results of Nazi genocide are to be eternalized in stone, then should not the sites of Nazi planning also be preserved?

It is one of Berlin's ourks that while other emes, like Paris and Moscow, have more ex-

And given Berlin's history - bombed and battered in World War II, and divided by a sterile 'death strip' and later a wall - it is no surprise that the metropolis is rising atop what Hitler had planned as a 1,000-year Reich. "What is amazing enough is that no one had previously thought of exploring the earth underneath the former governmental quarter of the one-time imperial capital," wrote Wilfried Mommen, a journalist.

It is also true that Berlin is already freekled with monuments to that era, among them the Wannsee villa on the city's outskirts where the planning for Holocaust was finalized in January 1942, and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

Yet, the location of Goebbels's bunker provides almost a metaphor for postwar Ger-

Thus, Mr. Arnold said, historical records show that Berlin once boasted some 600 hunkers used for a variety of purposes, particularly to protect against Ailied air raids during the war. So far, only 480 have been opened, measured and chronicled, he said.

"There are some bunkers that are important for the history of the city, and it's important that they shouldn't disappear because they reflect the entire epoch," he said.

In the area near the projected Holocaust memorial, he counted off a series of underground installations: Hitler's personal hunker, now covered by a parking lot; the hunker beneath Hitler's new chancellery building, now covered by a grassy knoll, and the bunker used by official

"Around here were all the people whn organized the Holocaust. But people just want in destroy the bunkers and sweep the whole thing under the carpet.

Some would argue, by contrast, that the authorities do not really know what to do with these embarrassments from the past. In 1992, journidists, but not the general public, were allowed to enter some bunkers, which were then sealed.

According to Mr. Amold, the bunker where Hitler and his mistress spent the final days of the war before their suicide was filled in by the East German authorities. On exactly the spot where a distinctive ventilation tower once stood over Hitler's personal concrete lair, Mr. Arnold said, there now stands a portable toilet used by con-

BRIEFLY

MOSCOW - The Justice Ministry issued an appeal

Trade unions and leftist political groups plan to stage

for order on Wednesday as the first protesters took to the

strikes and demonstrations over mounting wage arrears that have left many on the breadline. About 2 million

stopped work or joined rallies across Russia in a similar

noting a rise in "polinically intolerant statements by public figures." it cautioned against playing on racial, emnic and social divisions and against "fascism and

Austria Pressured on Artworks

The Justice Ministry said tensions were high and,

Russian Protesters in Streets

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Yeltsin Lashes Out at Latvia

He Calls for Reprisals for Treatment of Ethnic Russians

By David Holfman Rostoneron Poor Service

MOSCOW - A simmering dispute over the freatment of ethnic Russians in Laivia niensified Wednesday as President Boris Yeltsin threatened to take economic reprisals such as rerouting Russian oil exports away from the Baltic state.

After a month of rhetorical jousting between Russia and Latvia. Mr. Yelisin for the

French Party Expels 3 Over Far-Right Ties

PARIS - The Union for French Democracy, the party hardest hit by the turmoil in France's right-wing politics, on Wednesday excluded three leaders who forged local power deals with the far-right National Front.

Charles Millon of the Rhone-Alpes region, Charles Baur of Picardy and Jacques Blane of Languedoc-Roussillon were expelled for breaking a long-standing taboo and allying with the National Front to win election as chairmen of their regional councils

last month. President Jacques Chirac has phohic, emerged as the kingmaker in five of France's 22 regions last month after elections saw the right-wing vote split between them and the mainstream conservatives.

■ Reform Bill Advances

. The French Assembly will examine next month controversial draft legislation to re-duce the number of elected offices that politicians can hold, the government announced Wednesday, Agence countries followed suit. France-Presse reported.

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first time endorsed calls by economic sanctions. Russian politicians to tighten the economic noise around Latvia in retaliation for the irealment of Russians there.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, a presidential spokesman, told Mr. Yelisin supported the Latvian goods that were proposed this week by Russian regional leaders, including Mayor Yuri Luzhkov of Moscow, Mr. Yasırzhembsky said that these measures would stop short of official sanc-

The dispute was inggered hy an incident in Riga, the Latvian capital, on March 3, when several thousand Ruspensioners, held a demonstra- ner. In 1997, Russiu accounidential fees and to demand that Latvia continue to recognize their Soviet-era passports. Latvia, which became independent in 1991, has imposed suff citizenship requirements, including language proficiency tests, that many older Russian-speaking people cannot meet. About 700,000 people, or one third of the Latvian population, is Russian-speaking.

Police dispersed the rally hy force, and the incident unleashed a torrent of criticism from Russian politicians. Mr. Luzhkov accused Latvia of \$300 million in Latvian goods 'genocide' on March 31 and are being delayed in Russian The National Front, which has led a campaign to impose customs warehouses.

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Yeltsin had ordered the government to "pay the most serious attention to the possibility of diversifying the the Interlay press agency that routes of Russian oil exports" away from Latvia. Serving as largeted measures against a conduit for Russian oil and gas exports is a major source of revenue for Latvia, Overall. Latvia's Ventspils port handled U percent of Russian oil exports fast year, making it second in importance only to the Novorossisk port on the Black Sea in Russia, which handled 25 percent.

Laivia may be hurr severely by Russian sanctions, Larvian officials have said Russia is sian-speakers, many of them lits biggest single trading parttion to protest increased res- ted for 21 percent of Latvia's \$1.65 billion in exports and 15.6 percent of the \$2.7 billion in imports.

In practice, Mr. Yeltsin's instruction to look for new oil routes may take years to realize, requiring construction of a new port on the Gulf of Finland and new pipelines linking the Tengiz oil fields in Kazakhstan with the Russian port at Novorossisk, But the threat could encourage Russian oil and gas companies, and others, to tigbten the screws on Latvia. There have been reports that as much as

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ATHENS - An anti-tank rocket slammed into a branch of the U.S.-based Citibank here Wednesday, causing extensive damage but no injuries. The authorities said they suspected the terrorist cell November 17.

The government, urged by the United States and other nations to take more decisive steps against terrorism, promised to appre-hend the culprits and "punish them to make an example of them. The authorities have never arrested a sus-

pected member of November 17, whose 22 victims since 1975 include the CIA station chief and three other Americans. The last attack it claimed responsibility for was the May 1997 killing of a Greek shipyard own-

There was no immediate claim of respon-

sibility for Wednesday's attack. But Yiannis Giorgopoulos, the Greek police subcommander, said: "All the evidence points to November 17."

November 17 is the only terrorist group in Greece known to use rockets, Built around a mix of ultraleftist and nationalist ideologies, the group is named for the day in 1973 when the then ruling military junta crushed a student uprising in Athens.

A government spokesman. Dimitris Repas, strongly condemned the attack and vowed 'seamless front" to combat terrorism.

The rocket, fired from the hood of a parked car, hit the bank shortly after midnight in the residential neighborhood of Kipsell, the police said. The bank's offices and three cars were damaged. The same Citibank branch has been bombed four times this decade.

VIENNA — The opposition Greens party urged the government on Wednesday to clarify the origin of 241 artworks in Austrian museums that are believed to have been taken from Jews by the Nazis.

The Greens submitted a parliamentary request for information addressed to Elisabeth Gehrer, the minister in charge of museums. In Fehruary, Miss Gehrer gave the first government

promise to shed light on works the state kept back after 1945. She decreed that museums must clarify "beyond any doub!" their provenance.

Cyprus Prelate Assails Gays

NICOSIA - The leader of Cyprus's Greek Orthodox Church, Archbishop Chrysostomos, has made a scathing attack on homosexuality as the Council of Europe gave the country one more month to decriminalize gay sex.

Only "enemies of our nation" would endorse decriminalization of homosexual acts, the archbishop said in remarks published in newspapers here Wednesday. 'If we don't stand firm and tell Europe this does not

conform, not only to Christ's religion, but also to the moral standpoint of our nation, eventually they will come and tell us to be homosexuals in order to be accepted into Europe. he was quoted by the Cyprus Mail as saying.

Vatican Dismisses Spying Claim

ROME — The Vatican dismissed as fantasy on Wed nesday an Italian intelligence report claiming that the Soviel KGB eavesdropped on the private residence of the Pope's chief negotiator with the Kremlin. The intelligence report alleged that Marco Torreta.

nephew of the former Vatican state secretary, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, had been a KGB agent since the late 1950s and husband to a Czech woman, who used him to conceal microphones in Cardinal Casaroli's Vatican res-

Joaquin Navarro, a Vatican spokesman, said, "This story is so fantastic il doesn't deserve a denial except to say that no nephew of the cardinal of that name exists.

The report issued Tuesday also claimed the Soviet secret police had ploned to discredit and possibly assassinate Pope John Paul II.

German Coalition Partners End Rift on Taxes servatives weeks before an important state electhe two parties' positions on the issue. Mr. Protzner BONN - The Bavarian allies of Chancellor

Helmut Kohl said Wednesday that they were optimistic that a dispute within the coalition over a proposal to raise energy taxes had been resolved.

Bernd Protzner, general-secretary of the Mu-nich-based Christian Social Union, said he welcomed a statement by Mr. Kohl that Germany would not raise energy taxes unless other European The rift, which threatened to weaken the con-

tion, erupted after the Christian Democratic Union, Mr. Kohl's party, proposed raising the tax on energy. The plan was rejected by the Bavarianbased Christian Social Union, parmers in the coalition government, which said the increase would jenpardize Germany's competitiveness.

Mr. Protzner was quoted in a local newspaper as saying Mr. Kohl's statement meant the coalition would not insist on an automatic increase in energy prices, suggesting there was no difference between

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also said he expected the two parties to produce a joint election manifesto, dismissing suggestions that the Christian Social Union planned its own text.

Raising the energy tax bas become one of the most contentious issues in the run-up to the election in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt on April 26, the penultimate state election before general elections are held in September. Last month, coalition members had ridiculed the Greens for proposals to triple gas prices over the next 10 years.

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Saudi Transition

King Fahd's recent hospitalization was a reminder of the 76-year-old Saudi monarch's frailty. Power has been shift-ing to his half brother, Crown Prince Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz, since the king suffered a stroke in 1995. The crown prince is not as quick to embrace some American policy positions as King Fahd and is more sympathetic to Arab and Islamic causes. But the coming transition need not upset relations between Washington and Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia is an absolute monarchy, where oil revenues lubricate corruption among royal princes and civil liberties are denied. But its policies, and its stability, are critically important to the United States. The kingdom plays a dominant role in setting oil prices, and its support is essential to Washington's ability to project military power in the Gulf.

Recent outbreaks of Islamic terrorism in Saudi Arabia, including attacks against American installations there, are an indication of problems in the kingdom that Washington cannot afford to ignore. Reduced Saudi oil revenues and excessive purchases of expensive military equipment have created an unaccustomed fiscal squeeze that the Saudi government needs to address.

Prince Abdullah has been frank about giving Saudi Arabia's national interests, as he sees them, precedence over diplomatic exhortations from Washington. He is friendly with Syria. has drawn attention to the suffering of Iraqi civilians and has led in repairing Saudi relations with Iran.

But his more independent approach is not necessarily bad for America. Though like King Fahd he resisted new U.S. military action against Iraq this year, Prince Abdullah seems to understand the dangers Saddam Hussein continues to pose to Saudi Arabia. He has also called for reforms of the financial, welfare and education systems and for a crackdown on corruption.

It is regrettable that the interests of the world's most powerful democracy are tied to the narrow dynastic politics of the Saudi leaders. One way to make that dependence less risky in the future and more bearable today is for Wasbington to encourage Prince Abdullah not only to modernize, but also to make Saudi Arabia more democratic.

Coming to Terms With the War: It's Now or Never

WASHINGTON — No day is cre-ated anew in Europe, a continent colonized by its own past and memory. Americans often see themselves embarking into each new dawn armed with a mandale to overcome or escape the past by day's end. That American dream will provoke smiles, or jeers, in Paris or in Warsaw.

Today is no exception: While Americans are psychologically absorbed in preparing for the 21st century, Europeans are using the final months of the millennium to come to terms with the last vestiges of World War II and the heinous international crimes that conflict inspired.

This effort is occurring in Europe's courtrooms, museums, banks, political parties and foreign ministries - in places where individual and national responsibilities for the past can be apportioned and converted into gain, justice or simply more memory.

Each effort is in one sense individual: stolen French art looted by the Nazis and then "lost" in private or state collections; Swiss bank accounts and assets hidden from Holocaust survivors or relatives; a belated German treaty that finally recognizes 60-yearold wrongs done to Czech refugees, or a variety of xenophobic political movements that distort history to enhance By Jim Hoagland

and exploit modern racial tension. But these events and investigations are tied together by the reality that the life span of war criminals, victims, veterans and even the children who were touched by the war, however tangentially, is drawing to a close. Chronologically, the time to come to terms with World War II's outstanding liabilities is now.

Or never. Collectively, the discussion of and action on history's lingering claims also concerns national identity at century's turn.

Once-deferred questions gain urgency today as Europeans move into a still uncertain continental redefinition of their money, politics and social contracts through the process of European Union integration.

The physical destruction and Cold War division of Europe wrought by World War II have faded, while the conflict's moral consequences have not been put to rest. Moral questions are surfacing acutely in countries that occupied the dubious middle ground of accommedation during wartime and then allowed national institutions to develop a remarkable forgetfulness

By Marc H. Ellis

came their way.

The continuing search for Nazi gold hidden abroad in state treasuries and for Swiss bank accounts holding Holocaust victims' assets are part of the unsertled legacy of the conflict. So are political demonstrations by SS veterans in Latvia and young neo-Nazis in Austria and Germany.

The concern about identity and history is most clearly seen at the moment in France, where the six-month trial of Maurice Papon has just ended. The aged and infirm former French administrator was convicted of complicity in the Nazis' crimes against humanity for having turned French Jews and others over to the Gestapo, but acquitted of baving committed war crimes himself.

This split verdict and the 10-year sentence given Mr. Papon represent a compromise not only on Mr. Papon who claimed only to have been following orders and to have belped the French Resistance even as be helped the Nazis — but also on France's dualistic legacy from the war.

Mr. Papon's claim of double duty ecboed the experiences of the late Francois Mitterrand, who fought the German invasion in 1940, escaped from a prisoner of war camp and worked for the collaborationist Vichy regime when the

about the fruits of Nazi conquest that came their way.

Nazis were riding high. He then became a major figure in the Resistance as the tide turned and was elected president in 1981. In all of these stages, Mr. Mitterrand incarnated France at the time.

France was victim, prisoner, accomplice and Resistance fighter at different times and in different proportions. This is what made Charles de Gaulle's ideology of grandeur so necessary in postwar French reconstruction. A master political psychologist, de Gaulle understood he needed to spotlight and create heroics that his people had by and large not performed.

The Gaullist strategy, much ridiculed by resentful Americans, worked brilliantly for 40 years. But by sublimating and repressing the collaborationist side of France's wartime identity, the general created a time bomb that French society hears ticking very loudly now, as it confronts a rise in and-Semitism and of extreme right-wing nationalism.

The belated prosecution of Mr. Papon and the vigorous political debate about extremism that President Jacques Chirac and others are demanding signal that France is now dealing more directly with its unfinished business from World War II than it has in the recent past. This is a development to be encouraged and, where needed, emulated by others.

The Woshington Post

Nonthreatening Merger

Congress dithers, so John Reed of Citicorp and Sanford Weill of Travelers Group grandly propose to modernize financial markets on their own. They have announced a roughly \$78-billion merger — the biggest in history — that would create the largest financial services company in the world, worth more than \$140 billion. If the merger is approved by regulators, Citigroup, as the company will be called, will serve about 100 million customers in 100 countries. In one stroke, Mr. Reed and Mr. Weill will have temporarily demolished the increasingly unnecessary walls built during the Depression to separate commercial banks from investment banks and insurance companies.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Weill would exploit legal and regulatory loopholes in the law to combine Citicorp, which provides commercial bank services, and Travelers, which offers insurance products and stocks, bonds and other securities. Because Citigroup would offer customers a huge menu of fi-nancial services, Mr. Reed and Mr. Weill envision profitable cross-selling. While Mr. Reed provided credit cards to Mr. Weill's insurance customers, Mr. Weill would sell securities to Mr. Reed's bank customers.

Some consumer advocates oppose the merger because, they fear, financial behemoths inevitably threaten ordin-

shopping could actually protect naive investors. Under current laws, such investors can be pulled in contradictory directions by bankers offering retirement accounts, insurance agents offering annuities and securities dealers offering mutual funds. An institution that sells all these products can steer

serves their needs. The fact is that Citigroup threatens no one because it would not dominate banking, securities, insurance or any other financial market.

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Customers might prefer cozier banks, and Mr. Reed and Mr. Weill might not be able to merge their egos. In that case, shareholders would lose. A collapse in the company's securioes and insurance operations could drag down its commercial bank. But that will happen only if federal regulators fall sound asleep.

The proposed merger takes advantage of rules that allow commercial banks to operate alongside smaller se-eurities companies and, for up to five years, insurance companies. Mr. Reed and Mr. Weill are betting that before the five-year window closes, Congress will finally bring banking laws into the modern era. If they can make the merger work for consumers, even Congress might follow.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

Deir Yassin and the Challenge That Israel Faces Today

TROTON ON HUDSON, New York - Fifty years ago, in the midst of Israel's struggle to be born as a nationstate, a terrible event occurred.

On April 9, 1948, Deir Yassin, a village of some 700 Arabs on the outskirts of Jerusalem, was attacked by the Haganah, the official Jewish army, and by the Jewisb irregular groups Irgun and Lehi.

These irregular organizations contributed much to the state; In their leaderships were two future prime ministers, Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir.

by the Irgun and Lehi.

leading hundreds of thousands

In a letter to David Ben-Gurion protesting plans to resettle the village with Jews after the war, Martin Buber - one of the most prominent Jewish intellectual and religious figures of his time — and several others wrote that the massacre at Deir Yassin had become "infam-

"In Deir Yassin hundreds of innocent men, women and children were massacred. Let the village of Deir Yassin remain uninhabited for the time being. disputed - it ranges from 100 to and let its desolation be a ter-250 — the essential details have rible and tragic symbol of war, been confirmed by Palestinian and a warning to our people that and Jewish historians: Arab no practical military needs may ever justify such acts of murder.

Now, as Israel celebrates 50 years of Jewisb statehood, what coupled with other massacres in are Jews to do with this event, other villages, it spread panic which signaled then and rep-

among the Palestinian Arabs, resents now the catastropbe within Palestinian history? What are we to do with Deir Yassin, the shadow side of Is-

rael's birth? For most Jews this event is forgonen or repressed, folded into the larger Jewish drama of the Holocaust and survival and safety in the state of Israel.

For some, the tragedy of the Holocaust is so huge that time spent thinking about this smaller event, which took place in the midst of a war in which terrorism was perpetrated by both sides, is unwarranted.

But perhaps this tragedy has been buried in Jewish consciousness for a more significant reason.

Could the recognition that the Palestinians have experienced a tragedy not unlike tragedies in Jewish history - this time at the hands of Jews - call Jews' commitment to Israel into

Perhaps this is why Ben-Gur- side, affirming their own parion never responded to Buber's ticularity and involved in a joint letter and wby the Jewish leadership, after initially admitting to the massacre at Deir Yassin and expressing regret, has been silent over the last decades.

Buber never felt that his mourning over Deir Yassin meant a betraval of Israel. For him. Deir Yassin was a call to recognize the evils of war, the limitations of statehood and the possibility, indeed the necessity, of confession and reconciliation with those who had been wronged in the creation

of Israel. Buber was a Zionist whose voice has been lost in the uproar of the competing parties and faccions that make np Israel's political and religious scene

Unlike today's arguments over percentages of Israeli with drawal from the occupied West Bank, Buber had a vision of a development of the Holy Land. Could this be our vision today?

Forty years ago, Buber concluded his reflections on Deir Yassin with these words; "The time will come when it will bepossible to conceive of some act in Deir Yassin, an act which will symbolize our people's desire for justice and brotherhood with the Arab people."

On the 50th anniversary of Deir Yassin, can we Jews recognize that the only act that can symbolize that desire is a full recognition of the Palestinians' equality as a people and a nation? Buber's vision is a challenge.

The writer, a Jewish theologian, has been o senior fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religious and a visiting schalar of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies of Harvord University. united Palestine in which Jews He contributed this comment to and Arabs would live side by the Herald Tribune.

UN Scolding Rankles

It rankles to hear the United States brought up at the United Nations on human rights charges. The world body. though it has changed, has not entirely escaped its earlier identification as home of a mutually protective majority of Communist and Third World rights violators. Some members ready to snipe at the performance of others shield their own continuing crudities behind the walls of a one-party state. This is the tradition evoked by a report of the UN Human Rights Commission on the death penalty in the United States.

A commission specialist from Senegal spent three weeks last fall investigating the practice. He was denied access to some number of federal and state justice and prison officials. His conclusions were that "race, ethnic origin and economic status appear to be key determinants of who will, and who will not, receive a sentence of death" and that executions of juvenile, retarded and mentally ill convicts are in violation of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. He urged a moratorium on these killings while the states fix new rules. The cririque is familiar to, and accepted by, many Americans. Many would go further and outlaw capital punishment. Nonetheless, some Americans have exploded, adding the in-

cident to the indictment of the UN for intrusive political one-sidedness. The United States needs no advice from the UN on domesor practices. But the United States does need an effective institutional mechanism by which to transmit corrective messages to places that are not open and democratic. Irritation at being gratuitously scolded is a modest price to pay to deny the real rule-

American hostility to that mechanism. The idea that opening up the American criminal justice system to international scrutiny establishes a moral equivalence with, say, the Chinese system is misplaced, not to say absurd. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

breakers the comfort of hiding behind

By Thomas Buergenthal

TX/ASHINGTON - Seven-VV teen years after the crime, Salvadoran national guardsmen convicted of murdering three American nuns and a church lay worker in 1980

first time that they had acted on 'orders from above." The United Nations Truth Commission for El Salvador had reached the same finding in 1993, concluding that high Salvadoran officers, including the defense minister and the comthe time, were involved in cov-

ering up the crime. The four guardsmen were convicted of murder in 1984 and have been in a Salvadoran prison ever since. But the former defense minister. Gencral José Guillermo Garcia, and

Eugenio Vides Casanova, are living safely in Florida, according to published reports. have publicly confessed for the

commander, Colonel Carlos of the brutal crimes committed in Central America during the Cold War.

> responsible for the crimes were either in the pay of our U.S. intelligence services or they were viewed as invaluable allies in the struggle against Communist subversion. That they were also frequently thugs and murderers mattered little

on behalf of the Frente [guerrilla movementl, and somebody who is using violence to oppose the

rente killed them. Half a year later, then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig suggested that the nuns may have been killed trying to run a roadblock. After reading these declarations, the Salvadoran authorities could be forgiven for believing that the United States did not want to know the truth.

The Cold War is over, but the terrible violations of human rights that were committed by both sides in Central America remain to be fully investigated. That may be the only justice the many innocent vicums and their families will ever get.

Guatemala and Honduras have embarked on serious investigacions.

Despite promised cooperation, the United States has turned over very little information to the Central Americans. Important files were also withheld from the Truth Commission for

El Salvador in 1992 and 1993. American officials always give the same excuses: the need to protect sources and intelligence-gathering methods. But my own experience in trying to obtain information for the Truth Commission convinced me that the real reasons that officials deny access have little to do with national security.

are. They were political activists to be the desire to cover up their own incompetence or to protect themselves against charges that they violated official U.S. policies by participating in or not reporting human rights abus-es by their foreign counterparts. Since these agencies determine for themselves what information should be disclosed, they reveal

little that will embarrass them. It is high rime for the United States to establish an independent commission to review the documents relating to the conflicts in Central America and to declassify all information we. that can be made public with had a out endangering legitimate security interests. A genuine democracy has nothing to feet and an from the truth.

Some victims of the Central to American conflicts of the late we 1970s and '80s are now being |uh' expelled from the United States while many of those responsible for the violations of human rights enjoy our bospitality.

The fact that the two Salvadoran officers were granted residency status in the United States suggests that, at the very least, we Americans should be more careful in judging who is an "undesirable alien."

The writer, a professar of international law at George Washington University, was member of the United Nations Truth Commission for El Salvador. He contributed this com-

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would rather inflict damage on the U.S. judicial system than fulfill their constitutional responsibility to act with reasonable dispatch on President Bill Clinton's judicial nominations.

Five of the 13 active judgeships on the busy 2d Circuit Court of Appeals, covering New York, Connecocut and Vermont, are now vacant. Last week, the circuit's chief judge declared a judicial emergency. To minimize the disrupdon of cases, he authorized threejudge panels to be composed of only one 2d Circuit judge, with two visiting

It seems that Senate Republicans judges. Even so, he has been forced to cancel some hearings this month.
Chief Justice William Rehnquist

publicly chastised the Senate in December, warning that perpetuating the present 10 percent vacancy rate on the federal bench nationwide would inevitably erode the quality of justice.

But the confirmation process has become mired in ideological warfare. In the first three months of this year, the Senate has confirmed only 20 of more than 50 candidates

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

Economic Crisis Hurts Asia's Press

L OS ANGELES — It is hard to imagine that with even fewer news media outlets than Asia now has, the region would somebow be better off. But this looks to be exactly Asia's fate as the economic crisis takes its gruesome toll.

\$57 billion Korean bailout by the International Monetary Fund requires conglomerates to subsidiaries. In general, that is not a bad idea.

But those who value media diversity will now worry because the across-the-board IMF rule is suffocating Asian newspapers, especially the conglomerate-subsidized variety.

Two Korean newspapers owned by chaebols, or industrial conglomerates, that once were more interested in clout than profit are now in deep trouble. It is hardly all the IMF's fault that the Asian newspaper business is in serious difficulty these days. The region's media moguls who, like many of their colleagues in other businesses, abandoned common sense in the wildly overextended years of

1992 to 1997 are to blame, too. . In Indonesia, rising newsprint prices and a falling currency have driven the majority of its more than 250 newspapers and magazines - employing more than 5,500 journalists and many countless thousands of others --- perilously close to, or actually into, the red.

In Thailand, one-third of the country's news media people libo, put it well about his nation's

By Tom Plate

mostly small newspapers have closed sbop since that brutal baht-battering month of July 1997. Now, the major dailies are having a hard time staying One major condition of the afloat, as advertisers slash roedia budgets and imported news-

print costs more by the month. Even the rowdily democratic pull the plug on loss-making Philippines press, with eight top national dailies and almost two dozen tabloids, is starting to feel the crunch; advertising revenues have nose-dived by 50 per-

cent this year. The one bright spot in the news media scene, says Ellen Tordesillas, columnist for the Manila newspaper Malaya, is that financial coverage has be-

come more aggressive. Some of the powers that he, including Indonesia's President Snharto, are happy being watched by fewer reporters; Mr. Suharto actually blames the news media for starting the economic crisis by reporting on it.

In reality, say Western mediarating institutions like the U.S .based Freedom House, Asia's news media are scarcely all that pugnacious, particularly in Indonesia. Indeed, the thought arises that a truly independent press might have been able to spare the country and the people Mr. Subarto claims so much to love had it not been prevented from doing its full job.

Lee Hyun Nak, a director at the Korean newspaper Dong-A are now out of jobs, and a dozen far more independent media:

"The Korean press must share the responsibility. The media failed to adequately warn economic decision-makers and the public that their reckless [business and government] practices could lead to catastrophe.'

Back in October, even before the full dimensions of the crisis were plain, disonguished Asian journalists aired exactly that concern at the Asia-Pacific Journalists' conference in Tokyo, organized annually by Japan's Foreign Press Center.

There, editors and reporters from throughout the region lamented their culture's debilitating preference for secrecy and their business community's characteristic dependency on it.

To be sure, press freedom does not always produce perfect results. America was swept into the savings and loan debacle of the 1980s with scarcely any warning from its well-heeled and well-equipped news media. India has a terrible economy and gaping corruption; it also has a press that is as free as anyone's.

But an alert and aggressive press is, on the whole, an essential hedge against the inherent capacity of government, not to mention the political and business establishment to slouch toward sloth and stupidity. Any press decline is almost always a symptom of serious

underlying problems. It is hard to see how Asia can get better fast if its press is going south fast. Only the tyrants can be happy now.

Los Angeles Times Syndicute.

The predominant concern of the intelligence agencies tends ment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Dervishes Lose

PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial: The Sirdar's forces yesterday [April 8] gained a complete victory over the Dervisbes at Dakheila and the Emir Mahmoud was taken prisoner. There seems little doubt now that the reign of terror in the Soudan is virtually at an end. In due course the Egypoan troops will retake Khartourn and the long-promised reconquest of the Soudan will be an accomplished fact. Yesterday's battle was an important step towards the opening up of Central Africa to trade and a degree of civilization.

1923: Obesity Chair

LONDON - One of the most interesting features at the Nursing Exhibition at Westminster is the "Bergonie Chair" for reducing obesity. Physicians assert this chair takes off super- trolled by Communists.

fluous flesh by making the muscles work. An intermittent electric current is sent through the body as the patient reclines in the chair. The current stimulates the muscles to a remarkable degree, and fat disappears at a corresponding rate.

1948: Countering Reds

WASHINGTON — The State Department is studying a project for establishment of a Western 'counter-Cominform' to fight the spread of Communism in Europe. John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy expert. outlined the plan. The 'counter-Cominform' would operate in many of the fields of the 'cold war." These would include detección of subversive activities, espionage, counter-propaganda and assistance to democratoc movements, including organic zation of underground movements in nations already con-

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of them to flee.

ous" throughout the world.

What happened at Deir Yassin is well known, and though the number of dead is noncombatants were massacred

This massacre resounded throughout Palestine, and

U.S. Must Come Clean on Central America Atrocities

Although it remains to be proved who actually authorized the order to execute the nuns, who were abducted, raped and shot on Dec. 2, 1980, information about the two officers' role in the cover-up was readily available to anyone interested in learning the truth, including mander of the National Guard at American officials who purpor-

ted to investigate the murders. The investigations carried out by the United States of this case and of other military-related atrocities in El Salvador,

As a rule, the very people

during those years. think the government [of El Salvador] was responsible. The Honduras and Guatemala were nuns were not just nuns; they flawed. And the American were political activists. We government continues to this ought to be a little more clearthe former Nadonal Guard day to resist a full accounting cut about this than we usually

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Judge Wright Was Right, But Clinton Will Still Pay By Ellen Goodman BOSTON — So, Judge Susan case last month it expanded, not contracted, the law to include from finding out whether the pressingle-sex harassment.

ident of the United States has distinguishing characteristics on his For this rescue operation, and for spoiling all the fun, the Arkan-

sas judge has been vilified as a guidelines. traitor to her sex. She has been accused of making the workplace safe for sexual harassers everywhere and bringing glee to the hearts of bosses who will soon be fearlessly dropping their trousers in the corner office. Now. I confess that when the

case, my own reaction was limited to four mumbled little words: I told you so. More than a year ago, to much dishelief, I wrote (IHT, Feb. 25) 1997) that even if Paula Jones's tale was true, it was not legally sexual harassment. Not every piece of boorishness is illegal, nor

judge dismissed the Paula Jones

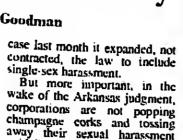
is every pass sex discrimination. Not all creeps are criminals. Jones v. Clinton was a lousy candidate for the Sexual Harassment Poster Case of the year. It was never clear that Mr. Clinton was Mrs. Jones's "boss" in the real meaning of that word, that this alleged encounter was "workplace" discrimination, that she suffered employment consequences or that he created a

'hostile environment'' So Judge Wright was right. But ber decision has been interpreted as (1) instituting a "ooe grope" ruling and (2) introducing a back-lash, a sort of ano-Anita Hill effect on working women across the country. Anita Hill, with her accusations against the Supreme Court nominee Clareoce Thomas, ushered in a rash of sexual harassment suits, and Susan Wright Jushered them out again.

To this analysis, I will add one more word: Whoa,

First of all, if you are looking for a chilling effect on sexual harassment cases, try the wind hlowing from the U.S. Army, After former Sergeant Major Gene Mckinney was found not guilty, he decided to sue one of his six accusers for \$1.5 million. Brrr . . .

Secood of all, while Judge Wright was considering a case that was groundless, the Supreme Court proved it knows a hostile environment when it sees one. In a



Companies now understand that sexual harassment is a kind of canary in the enriorate mine. An environment that is hostile to women is polluted generally.

As Freada Klein, a workplace consultant, says: "Bias and har-assment and discrimination travel in a pack. These behaviors occur in a work environment with high rates of other forms of inappro-priate uses of power. For example, the randoni public humiliation of employees.

Ms. Klein acknowledges that there is a "growing chasm between women with mobility in the work force" and women without it. But companies that want to recruit and hold the best and the brightest have become aware of the effect of a hostile environment on tumover.

The hig-ticket victories against companies that allow sexual harassment have focused the corporate minds wonderfully. But there is a cost-accounting that goes beyond court. It is the company reputation. Which brings us back to the

chief executive in the White House and the lessons from I confess sympathy for Paula

Jones the person, if not the plaintiff. She got a makeover, a Mercedes and a con job from the folks using her in their chess game. But did the president get away

with it? Whatever happened in that hotel room, any chief executive can tally up the costs of such

In the real world the chill wind blows both ways. What company wants to bundle up against an accusacion like that? Today the Clinton Enterprise has a loog trail of names and faces, rattling like cans tied to the presidential limousine. Sexual misconduct retains its

place as a liability on the business balance sheet. It is calculated in oo small measure by what we see in Washington: a huge debit of re-

The Boston Globe.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

France's Woes

Regarding "France's Bugbear-Change, Not the National Front" (March 25):

This analysis of the far right's success in French regional elections castigated French politicians and France in general as being unwilling to accept fundamental changes - but failed to mention the French acceptance of a very hig fundamental change, the euro. The French have endured several years of high unemployment caused in part by the strictures of the Maastricht agreement on monetary union, a situation that helps explain the appeal of the far

The failure of the "Anglo-Saxon" press to give the French credit where it is due could well reinforce the very defensiveness this article deplores.

DAVID STERN. Albany, California.

Regarding "A Mood of Distress in France" (Opinion, April 3) by Flora Lewis:

Perhaps one of the reasons for the "mood of distress" and the bigh rate of unemployment that the French are experiencing today is the gradual disappearance of the traditional atelier - small workshops producing goods and services in their own ways and in their own neighborhoods. The loss of the atelier strikes at the heart of the French cultural identity.

To start a small business today in France is so difficult that there is no incentive for an entreprencur with an idea to open an atclier. Small businesses are faced with extraordinary costs: from high rents and social insurance coniributions to accountants' fees and an exorbitant sales tax that must

be passed on to the customer. To encourage young creators, the French government must lighten the load oo small husi-

TIM MELLAGE.

Depressed and Sleepy

I was fascinated by the articles Attacking Winter Depression: Tiny Doses of Melatonin Might Keep Demons at Bay," "Dealing With Sleep Deprivatioo" and "A Hint of Relief From Migraines" (Health/Science, April 6).

In the first, scientists suggest that winter depression can be related to our frustration at not being able to mesh society's artificial requirements with our natural hiological rhythms. So we should take a pill to help os wake up earlier and potentially sleep less.

Then, in the second article, we are chided for getting too little sleep, and reminded that when clues to time are removed, bumans sleep more than 10 hours a day to get the sleep they naturally need, "just as monkeys and apes

Finally, in the third article. we are recommended another pill to take to relieve some very excruciating warning signals of distress.

As someone who experiences all three of these conditions at various tunes, and who is beginning to learn to accept them as part of what I am and trying to adjust, I am still amazed that there is an attitude that anyone who suffers from these symptoms has an illness that must be treated.

Maybe an occasional depression is, to a certain extent, something we need to experience in order to survive. Maybe we are not supposed to feel good all the time! Perhaps migraines and other signals are also warning us about something, such as an incompatible lifestyle. If we ignore this and try only to relieve the symptoms. our organism may find a bener and even more debilitating way to make us listen to its message. I don't think we were meant to function like well-oiled machines all the time.

Our "primitive" forebears probably knew their own bodies and rhythms much better than we 'advanced' folks do, Perhaps we should think about what we have become and look for ways to relieve our problems at the source, rather than giving the pharma-ceutical industry free advertising for the next wonder drug. ROBERT B. PAULSON.

Isemhagen, Germany.

Advice From Ann Landers: Zip Your Lip, Ken Starr

By Frank Rich

HICAGO — "I'm in the middle of everything." said Eppic Lederer.

She was speaking of Chicago. the hometown she loves, but she could have been pinpointing ber own spot on the cultural map. As Ann Landers, Eppie Lederer has been the arbiter of Main Street

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American mores since 1955, dishing out advice seven days a week in a column that the Guinness Book of World Records says is the most widely syndicated in the world, with 90 million readers in 1,200 newspapers. She receives 2,000 leners a day.

Eppic - no one calls her any. thing else - isn't slowing down as she approaches 80 (on the Fourth of July). I had come to her palatial apartment above Lake Michigan to learn how she and her readers had survived the Clinton sex scandals. "I have the pulse of the nation, so to speak," she said. What's more, she might he the pulse of the nation.

A Democrat, she has kept her readers' trust by never endorsing politicians — or products or fads. hile Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter appointed her to boards and Bill Clinton invited her to stay in the Liocoln Bedroom 1"No money connected - I gave him nothing!"), Eppic will vouch for the private life of just one of the many presidents she has known: Truman is the one I would bet on

that he was absolutely, totally faithful to Bess.' As for the Clinton accusations and revelations: "I didn't know what I'd get from readers. Would they be outraged? Would there be a lot of anti-Clinton stuff? I was surprised — there was so little ocgative mail and such an outpouring of support. I have concluded this is a very popular pres-

business, and we don't care. "This is not just sophisticated New York and California. This is Middle America.

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Paula Jones? "The readers knew who was prompting her, who gave her the makeover. They don't buy it. I say burray for the American public!" Monica Lewinsky? "They feel sorry for her. They feel she's a little long in the tooth to be chasing celebrities.

She isn't a teeoager." Kenneth Starr? "He failed. He should go to Pepperdine already." Linda Tripp? "She is the current villainess, I tell you. I've had absolutely no positive mail about Linda Tripp.

But doeso't the public's refusal to condemn Mr. Clinton signal some kind of moral collapse? Eppie, whose own marriage ended in divorce in 1975, said: "People are much more willing to forgive now. They are more permissive. They are more realistic. This is the way life is. Not all husbands are faithful."

Eppie also dismissed the notion that the nation's children had been scarred by the nonsiop talk of oral sex and adultery: "h's awfully hard to shock a kid above 8 years of age in this country unless they're living in a glass bubble. The children know a heck of a lot more than their parents think they do, I knew more than my parents thought I knew."

Eppie anributes the knowledge these children have about sex to TV. She grew up in pre-TV Stoux City, Iowa, but her father, Abe-Friedman, owned theaters, among

them a burlesque house.

"That's where my sister" her twin, Pauline, who writes the rival "Dear Ahhy" column and I got our sex education. We were 15 years old and the girls in the chorus were 16 years old. We hung out backstage because we liked them. We talked to them a lot, and we heard plenty.

In other words, I asked, you don't find the Clinton scandals particularly momentous? Eppie abruptly got up, went to an adjoining room and came back with a hig scrapbook. In it were photos of her visit with American soldiers in a Saigon bospital in 1967.

War is what's important." she said, turning the pages. "This is what couots - not this other kind of stuff about Linda Tripp. Who cares about Linda Tripp? The American people are pretty solid, they're pretty savvy, and they know what's important. That's wby they're not screaming and yelling about Bill Clinton and some of these females."

Then Eppie put down the scrap-book to offer some advice. "This," she said, "is where you should cod your column. The New York Times.

DON'T TELL DAD:

A Memoir By Peter Fonda. 498 pages.

\$25.95. Hyperion.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley PETER FONDA wastes no time in telling us that "I am cursed ... with a detailed memory that unfolds itself constantly on the plate of my past," then devotes 500 pages to prove the point. L Although Fonda's memory is not picture-perfect, heaven knows it is copious, and heaveo knows it has enabled him to go on and on and on in what may not

actually be the longest Hollywood mem-oir ever but too often feels that way. Everything is bere. Fonda cannot bear to let go of anything. He always tells all. If he goes off on a cruise in his immense, lavish yacht, we ride every swell in the ocean; if he lights a joint, we take every aguff with him; if be flees into the arms of women oot his wife, we lie there with him; if he finds employment in yet another forgettable movie, we hear every call for "Cut!"; if he rages against any slight, real or imagined, by his distin-

guished and distant father, we feel every peak and valley of his emotions. This does produce a certain voyeuristic fascination, but it makes for an odd

As it happens, the least interesting aspects of Fonda's life are the ones he tells us the most about: the drugs, the women, the escapades, the movies. Of the last, surely those oot already forgotten will be gooe soon enough, even
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himself of his father's love and respect, a we all wanted what was in his heart, and comparison. struggle he recounts in fits and starts but be couldn't give it."

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having like an overgrown infant: making public scenes, spouting anti-authoritarian protests, indulging his quite expens-ive appetites and desires while insisting that he is merely a man of the people and a friend of the environment. It has not been a pretty spectacle. But, typical of such behavior, its roots are to be found in insecurity, rejection, pain and loss.

A bright and deeply sensitive boy. Fonda was granted little chance to grow up normally. Not merely was his father famous and aloof, but his mother committed suicide before be was 10; the real truth about her death was revealed to him slowly, over many years, which only prolonged his grief and dismay. As soon as he developed a deep attachment to her successor, whom he still refers to as Mom2, that marriage ended. He bounced around from household to bousehold, from boarding school to boarding school: a Dickensian child-

hood, in the lap of luxury.

He wanted what every child wants: the love of his parents. His mother's was taken away hy a razor blade, and in any event it seems to have been given erratically; his father's was withheld behursts off the page, as when he meotions his father's performance in "Fort Apache," a notable John Ford film:
"Dad played the part of Colonel Thursday, an unsmiling, hitter, strict hard-ass. When people ask me what it was like gotten will be gooe soon enough, even
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"Fonda is his lifelong it has a certain the precise explanation for it, the brutal truth is that however be may measure up against his father as a human being, their careers as actors simply do not bear

Yet the son rolled with every puoch praying that acceptance and reconciliacion might at last arrive. When, in a fashion, they did, "years of frustration fell off my beart like melting snow slid-

iog off a roof." Fonda writes with contempt about the 'psychobabble'' to which some journalists who have covered his family are prone, but his own testimony will do little to discourage the amateur psychiatrists, because he eogages in a fair amount of same himself. Not to belittle Fooda's pain in any

way, but this is a familiar case of the bright, sensitive child who feels rejected and unwanted, who grows into an adult for whom acceptance and praise and love are life's most compelling needs. For as long as there has been a theater there have been people drawo to it for exactly this reason; the most gifted have managed to fill the emptiness within themselves with the dramatized lives of others, and perhaps to hring some relief to themselves as well as pleasure to

audiences. It is not really clear whether Fonda believes he has managed to come to peace with himself. His second marriage has been happy, if oot without tensioo, and be loves his children.

hind a mask of reticence, impatience and anger. At times Peter Fonda's rage fairly sional bright moments in his acting ca-But though there have been occareer, he has never really risen above playing Peter Fonda, or his idea of Peter Fonda. This has much to do with the movies, in which self-projecooo is mistaken for acting, and much to do with Fonda's self-involvement. But whatever the precise explanation for it, the brutal

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

One great partnership ended at the American Spring Nationals while an also of Burr Ridge, and their other was revived. Bob Ham-man and Bob Wolff, who Lauria and Alfredo Versace, have woo nine world titles as who have won many interpartners in the last 26 years, played their last 26 years, gether when their team, the Manhattan and Peter Weichtop-seeded group led by Nick sel of Encenitas, California. Nickell, was upset in the

had four straight Spingold Knockout Teams victories from 1993-96, lost by nine imps to Marshall Miles, Mark Bartusek, Jim Robison, in fine form. Robin Klar, Alan LeBeodig and Jon Brissman. Hamman, c who initiated the breakup be-Cause he wants to adopt more doubted, and bid to four hearts, a conhad to fail by one trick.

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team with Paul Soloway. All the other top-seeded teams survived into the round of the diamond six. Unluckily in that suit. Weichsel and bis of 16, including George Jace Contract Bridge League's obs of Burr Ridge, Illinois. He is playing with Ralph Katz, national titles representing Italy, and Alan Sontag of

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Are 'Smart' Cards Getting Too Wise to Get Off the Drawing Board?

By Gina Rarick International Herald Tribus

ARIS — Almost no one disputes the potential of "smart" cards. The ubiquitous plastic cards embedded with foil-covered computer chips are being used for everything from pay phooes to parking meters, from vending machines to mobile phones.

Companies are pouring money into developing still more applications for the technology, which allows a semiconductor chip as powerful as those in early personal computers to work on a plastic card. But have chip cards become a victim of their own success?

Projects to introduce smart cards for various uses have become entangled in plans for different parties to put their applications on a unified card, rather than burden the consumer with a different piece of plastic for each use. The result has been a series of promising pilot programs but few large-scale working applications for even a single-purpose card. Cards with multiple uses are, for the most

part, still on the drawing board.
SGS Thomson Microelectronics, which supplies about 40 percent of the chips used in smart cards worldwide. predicts that the overall market for such chips will grow to \$1.4 billion in 2000 from \$513 million last year.

used in smart cards today are 8-bit microprocessors that contain 64 kilobytes of memory — comparable to the brains of the dual-floppy-disk, second-generation personal computers.

But over the next two years, the topof-the-line smart card will contain a 32bit processor with as much as 1 megabyte of memory, said Jean-Paul Thomasson, marketing director of SGS Thomson's smart cards division. That means a smart card will have the power of a personal computer with an Intel 386 chip.

hat puts the technology far ahead of the applications developed for it. "We are designing such a plat-form to be more flexible and more adaptable - basically, to be able to accept multiapplication technology," Mr. Thomasson said.

If everyone cooperates, multi-application technology will start very quickly, he said.

Today however, even single-purpose cards can fail. In the United States, for example. Visa with great fanfare introduced an "electronic purse," or card that stores cash for small purchases, during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

But after issuing more than 1.5 million of the cards, called Visa Cash, the creditcard company backed away from the

Q & A / Edmund Jensen, President of Visa

Large Retailers May Spur **Revolution in Chip Cards**

Ednund Jensen, president and chief. Americans rely on what works. executive of Visa International Inc., is retiring in December after a four year tenure that saw Visa expand into chipcard technology. He recently discussed the future of smart cards with Gina Rorick of the International Herald

Q: Is Visa convinced that a multiple. application smart card, combining an electronic purse, charge-card capabilities and other uses, is the wave of the

A: We're convinced that the "chiptechnology-on-a-card-wave" is the right term to use. We're going to see that tide moving very rapidly in different parts of the world in the next five years. I doubt that money can be made on the electronic purse or stored-value func-

We think of the stored-value function in terms of cash on a card. But stored value also can be loyalty points. Large retailers in the world are going to be the driving force of moving to multiple functions on a card, simply to provide value to the customers.

Q: How seriously does Visa take ition from oth developers such as Mondex, which is allied with MasterCard, and Proton, which is allied with American Ex-

A: I think competition between technologies on the card is ultimately not where the game is going to be. Competition will be on the basis of the applications and the business proposi-

People talk about the technology, but five years from now the technology will be different. Cards will be interoperable. The real competition is in the applications of that technology.

Q: How much potential for chip cards do you see in Internet commerce?

· A: I think it will be three to five years before smart cards will be used on the

There is such a wide potential there, selling goods and services, but customers must bave a willingness to accept that value. Over the next few years, the Internet will become much faster and easier to use. Speed, availability of product and catalogs on-line are going to cause growth in the next five years probably faster than what a lot of cynics are projecting.

The thing that seems to frighten con-

sumers is the security. But we are installing the kind of security that's required. Down the road, the security will be easier and easier. We believe security needs to be on both ends of transaction. We think that's the right way to go. When that happens, customers' confidence will really grow

Q: The United States is lagging the world in smart-card use. Why is that, and where do you see the most potential for smart-card development world-

A: The U.S. is lagging, but not because of the consumer. It's lagging because of the infrastructure. There is a magstrip [magnetic strip] infrastructure

Asian markets will grow in this tech-nology ahead of the U.S. Singapore is quite advanced—they had the first SET ["secure electronic transaction" standard] transaction. China is very interested in expanding in payment cards. There is no magstrip infrastructure to overcome in these countries.

In the U.K., the smart card is being introduced purely on the justification of fraud reduction.

Every country is different, In Russia, for example, telecommunications structure doesn't support on-line transactions. So there is a card with a line of credit on it. It transfers value to a merchant's card, and then the merchant, at the end of the day, deposits funds from cards. It is completely off-line, except for the ability to make deposits at the end of the day.

There's a very large population in many countries that is "unbanked." With a chip card, these people can buy a card loaded with cash and use it without an account. In South Africa, where there is a large unbanked population, chip cards are popular.

Q. You have said that Visa's comon is cash. How do you stack up against this strong competition?

A: We'll never get to a 100 percent cashless society. Today, cards are used for a trillion dollars a year in purchases and cash advances from ATM machines. That's about 7 percent of all personal consumption spending — it's relatively small. When we start talking about purchases on the Internet, it's going to be a long time before 10 percent of those purchases are Visa-card ourchases.

But if you take a look at the growth in the past four or five years, you see unbelievable demand on the part of the consumer to use cards for payments rather than casb.

Visa doubles in size every three to five years, and that will continue. There's a whole bunch of people who don't have cards and haven't even thought about cards. We have a fiveyear objective to get to 15 percent of all personal consumption spending



in place, and it is working just fine. Edmund Jensen, president of Visa.

The most sophisticated chips being program, deciding that customers were not interested in a card that served only as a substitute for change and small bills.

Another problem for Visa Cash was the lack of "infrastructure." Customers found that many retailers were not set up to accept the new cards, and that limitation soured people on the idea.

"I really feel that when we break through with the issuance of multipurpose cards, that's the way it will go," said Edmund Jensen, president and chief executive of Visa International Inc.

Consumers, meanwhile, have no choice but to sit back and wait until their bank, cable-television company or local subway system gets with the program.

In France, the introduction of a chip card to pay bus and snbway fares is being delayed because banks want to add an electronic-purse function to it. A national health card is baving trouble getting off the ground because developers are finding more and more functions to include on the card, said Marc Lassus, chief executive of GemPlus, the Frenchbased company that is the world's

biggest maker of chip cards. The French have to build a Concorde when a deux-chevaux will do.' Mr. Lassus said.

Pilot programs using smart cards for transit, which many in the industry see as one of the most effective uses for the

cards, are in place in several cities around the world, from Paris to Sydney to Hong Kong to New York. But only Seoul uses smart cards for its entire urban transport system.

Transport cards are a little bit of wishful thinking: we have been talking about it for six years. Said Roland Moreno, who invented the smart-card concept more than 20 years ago and now heads Groupe Innovatron, an industry consultant in Paris. "Except for Seoul, there is no real-life application.

espite calls for a smart "supercard that can do it all, projects that have focused on a single application have been the most successful. In France, for example, France Telecorn has been converting coin-operated pay phones to card phones since 1985. The company has sold 850 million disposable 'smart' phone cards since then, including 115 million last year alone.

All of the 28 million Visa and Europay bank cards issued in France carry a computer chip that is activated by a secret code. The cards are accepted for a much wider range of purchases than in the United States, where credit cards are, for the most part, still run through magnetic-strip readers and require the user's signature.

In France, a signature is not nec-

kcommi-1- Re essary, and the cards are accepted vir. mally everywhere, from fast-food restaurants and grocery stores to movie theaters, gas stations and parking los Using personal identification codes rather than signatures has cut creditionard fraud to 0.023 percent of all transactions last year from 0.1 percent in 1990, according to Cartes Bancaires, the

French banking organization.
The market for chip-cards for mobile phones also is exploding. Phones using digital GSM systems come with a smart card that includes all of the users' preferences such as memory dialing and message functions. Because the chin is in the card rather than the phone, a caller can use any phone in any country that uses the GSM standard, just by putting the programmed chip into the phone.

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Peter Nero's New Record: Most Electronic Gizmos

By Stephen C, Miller New York Times Service

FW YORK — I spent a couple of hours with Peter Nero, one of the world's finest musicians, but we didn't talk about music. Instead, we discussed IRQ conflicts with PC cards and laptop docking stations, orphaned PIMs and the lack of standards for cartridges used by external storage devices.

We played one upmanship on technical support horror stories. He won, Mr. Nero's musical credentials are widely known. He has won a couple of Grammy Awards and recorded 60 alburns; his jazz trio plays more than 100 concerts and club dates a year; and he is musical director of the Philadelphia Pops orcbestra and co-musical direc-

tor of the Florida Philharmonic. Not as well known is that Mr. Nero has equally solid credentials as a com-puter whiz. While he plays down his bona fides, the record speaks for itself. He designed an electronic baseball game in 1949 while still in high school. He taught himself BASIC programming on a Tandy TRS 80 and wrote a number of programs to belp run his business several of which, updated and modified, be still uses. He can still gct around a bard-wired hotel phone system to dial out with a modern.

And — the ultimate sign of geek chic - he has multiple e-mail ad-

I thought that Mr. Nero, who spends most of his life on the road, would have some ops for those of us who travel with technology. Several years ago. I interviewed him for a story on the similarities between writing music and writing computer programs. He told me then that he had wrinen a program for his Radio Shack Model 100 to keep track of his frequent-flier miles. 'The airlines never seemed to credit me with the correct mileage." he said.

I had heard over the years that Mr. Nero was a tech-toy junkic. "He's never seen an electronic gadget he didn't like," said Ed Juge, former marketing and communications director at Tandy Corp. In the contest of bewho-has-the-most-toys, Mr. Nero is the hands-down champ among those who travel with technology. The man is a traveling electronics store.

While be was in New York for the recent Grammy Awards ceremony, I dropped by Mr. Nero's hotel room to see what he was carrying with him on a trip from Philadelphia.

He unpacked a large suitcase full of stuff, which covered the dining room table. And this was just the stuff that he carried on a short trip. He left one of the portable printers in his office in Florida. Why all these gadgets? 'Be-cause they do something useful for me." he said.

The traditional road warrior tools are obvious: a laptop computer, a cell phone and even an electronic organ-izer — but a lightning detector? "I like to know what the weather is going to be when I'm working, he said.



Peter Nero and his high-tech loys.

It makes sense when you consider that he often gives concerts outdoors.

A dnal-time digital alarm clock? "I've been looking for this one for a long time," be said. "With a digital watch or an organizer, you can change the display time for another time zone. but all the appointments are in the starting time zone. This one automatically adjusts the alarms for the current time zone and then back again.'

device to measure air pressure? "It's an old pilot's trick. If you bave a planeload of unruly passengers, you can adjust the cabin pressure and put some of them to sleep. When I get sleepy on a plane.
I want to know if it's me or bas the pilot adjusted the cabin pressure.

"It's like taking someone from sea level to Denver. It's perfectly safe, but unless you're used to the altitude. you're not likely to feel like running a

Mr. Nero, like the rest of us, gets frustrated with the complexity of computing and the deficiencies of technical support. He found that when be inserted his laptop into its port replicator, the PC cards didn't work. "I checked the Device Manager and found that there was a conflict but nothing I did could resolve it," he said. After calling the company that produced the operating system, the company that manufactured the laptop and both companies that manufactured the PC cards. he got no answer that worked.

I finally decided to start from scratch. I turoed off the computer, popped out the cards and rebooted. Then I inserted each card and the system recognized them and assigned the correct IRQ," be said. He stumbled on the solution on his own. "None of the people I called knew this simple solution," he said.

Despite these kinds of setbacks, Mr. Nero keeps looking for the next gadget or piece of software that will make his life interesting. He was planning a shopping trip to the computer store near his botel to buy a new email program

Stephen C. Miller is a New York Times columnist.

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• A QUESTION OF IMAGE: Microsoft Corp 's bitter legal clash with the Justice Department has begun to hurt the software publisher's reputation, according to a research organization that tracks brand recognition of

technology companies.
Techtel Corp. of Emeryville, California, bas found that negative opinion about Microsoft has increased measurably among the 900 people who serve as a panel of respondents surveyed each quarter. The panelists are chosen to represent a broad range of company sizes, business

users and consumer households The Techtel survey indicates that the proportion of those holding positive opinions about Microsoft among general business users fell almost 10 percentage points in 1997, the first significant drop for the company since the survey began in 1992. By the end of last year only 70 percent of the business users on the panel held a positive opinion of Microsoft's brand name.

Positive opinion among consumers, meanwhile, fell five percentage points in the last quarter of 1997, to 67 percent of the consumer panelists. It was during that quarter that Microsoft entered a period of sustained controversy after the Justice Department filed an antitrust suit against the company's marketing practices with its Explorer Web-navigation software.

Microsoft's chief operating officer, Bob Herbold, said that the company, which has carefully watched its own customer-polling data in recent months, had found no measurable decline in its reputation among consumers. (NYT)

• TACKLING EU JOBLESS : The European Commission urged European Union countries last week to look more seriously at the promotion of venture capital as a way to ease their unemployment problems.

In a report, the commission called on the 15 EU members to overhaul tax, regulatory and

accountancy rules to make it easier and more attractive for start-up companies, particularly in high-tech sectors, to raise funds and go public, Developing risk capital in the EU, leading toward the development of pan-European riskcapital markets, is essential for major job creation in the EU," the commis-

About 18 million people, or 10.5 percent of the EU's working population, are unemployed, more than double the jobless rate in the United States or Japan. The 5,500 companies listed on the U.S. Nasdag market cmploy about 9 million people, the com-

mission report said • A CORE CHANGE: The Apple Business Consortium has changed its name to the Technology Business Alliance to reflect a new focus on all types of computers and software for busi-

ness and education, not just Apple Computer Inc. products. The group, founded in 1991, will remain an independent, not-for-profit alliance based in Campbell, California, for software and hardware developers and manufacturers, resellers, consultants and end-users.

> • OPEN WINDOWS: Windows CE, a Microsoft Corp. operating system that gives computer intelligence to consumer electronics products, is gaining momentum.

Sony Corp. and Microsoft announced an agreement Tuesday to cross-license one another's technology and work closely to fuse Windows CE with Sony's audio and visual technology standards. Nobuvuki ldei, the Sony president, said, "The time has come for shake hands. The companies want home elec-said be confessed to the intrusions.

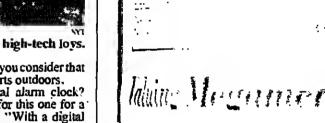
tronics equipment such as digital televisions, videocassette recorders and personal computers to be able to ship data among one another. Windows CE, a close cousin of Windows 95 and Windows NT, bas been under development for (WP) almost four years.

A HACKING STAR IS BORN: Ehnd Ten-

enbaum, the Israeli teenager who hacked into the

Pentagon's computer system, was featured Tuesday in a full-page computer ad in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper. The 18-year-old gazes out at the reader, chin on hand, next to the slogan. To go far, you need the best equipment." The ad is for Newron computers, made by the Israeli company EIM. Mr. Tenenbaum, who used the name "The Analyzer" on the Internet, is being investigated by the Israeli police for his cyberassault on the Pentagon's and other computer the PC industry and the audio-visual industry to systems. He has not been charged. The FBI has C1

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Economists Becoming Academia's Superstars

Columbia's Largesse Lures Harvard's Barro

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The University of Chicago's Sherwin Rosen has been chronicling the "Economics of Superstars" since the beginning of the

But even he was astounded to learn that Columbia University has just agreed to pay nearly \$300,000 a year to lure Robert Barro, one of the most prominent economists in the United States, away from Harvard University.

The kind of six-figure salary that Mr. Barro, 53, will command at Columbia, while perhaps common-place for economics Ph.Ds on Wall Street and not unheard-of for finance whizzes at major business schools (including Columbia's), is a recordhreaker in the market for academic economists who work in more traditional fields like macroeconomics and trade theory.

It exceeds by roughly \$100,000 the most lucrative offers reported for leading university researchers just a year or two ago. And it is roughly twice the current salary caps for arts and sciences faculty at Harvard, Columbia and other elite universities. "This is a hig deal," said Claudia Goldin, a col-league of Mr. Barro at Harvard. "It's hroken the sound barrier.'

Mr. Barro has exuded stardom since his graduate-school days at Harvard in the late 1960s. He has influenced the way economists think about everything from the long-run effects of government deficits to the forces that favor economic growth.

A Chicago conservative with a libertarian streak, be has produced scholarly articles that are cited by other researchers as often as those of Paul Samnelson, Milton Friedman and Robert Lucas

As the bidding for Mr. Barro shows, the market for top economists is starting to look like those for movie stars, basketball players and bood traders. It

carries all the trappings, too - complex negotiations, signing bonuses and highly organized raids.

And the forces that have turned top economists into what the Columbia provost, Jonathan Cole, ruefully calls free agents without salary caps" are not all that different: lots of customers (rising enrollments), lots of cash in a few pockets (swelling tuition payments and endowments at elite in-

who the most valuable players are.

Add to that the growing feeling among many institutions of higher learning that, as one academic put it, "If you don't have a good economics department, you can't have a great

The focus on money has moved into the uppermost tier of schools, which have traditionally counted mostly on their reputations to lure talent.
"At the top schools, there's been a

reluctance to play the game, to think that we can score a tremendous coup if we pay a lot for X," said Peter Kenen, an economist at Princeton University who was chairman of Columbia's economics department in the 1960s. "But the pressure to push against salary caps and exceed them is getting stronger

By snaring a superstar like Mr. Barro, Columbia hopes to hreak back into the top league, where it used to rank alongside Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago. It sees Mr. Barro as a kind of franchise player who can not just pull up the team by his mere presence hut also act as a magnet for talented young faculty. For Harvard's highly ranked eco-

nomics department, which has not lost a senior professor to a rival department since Stanford recaptured Kenneth Arrow in the late 1970s, Columbia's coup has come as a wake-up call. The faculty dean, Jeremy Knowles - who

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Robert Barro, a leading U.S. economist, will earn nearly \$300,000 a year in salary at Columbia University.

Japan Tries To Wake Up Its Economy

Tokyo Budget Clears Way For Focus on Tax Cuts

TOKYO - Japan cleared a major hurdle Wednesday to its efforts to rousing its slumping economy, enacting a. hudget that paved the way for the govemment to consider the tax cuts demanded by its domestic and interna-

tional critics.
The \$584 hillion hudget was drafted in line with laws designed to cut the government's deficit. It clears the way for Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to shift priorities from hudget-cutning to economic stimulus. Mr. Hashimoto is expected to unveil details of his economic plans Thursday and to convene a council Friday that could open the door

The hudget approved Wednesday includes a cut in corporate taxes and a freezing of the land value tax hut also a 7.8 percent drop in public-works spending from the last fiscal year,

But so far Japan has resisted calls from the United States and others for deeper tax cuts, including lowering its sales tax, to pull the economy out of its seven-year slump. U.S. officials and the International Monetary Fund want Japan bolster its economy so it can help ease the economic difficulties of its Asian neighbors and avoid relying on exports to the West.

Stanley Fischer, first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, reiterated those calls Wednesday.

"It is ohvious that Japan has some critical policy choices in the next few days." he said, adding that Tokyo could see its economy contract if it shied away from needed measures.

There is therefore a strong economic case for tax reduction," he said, and tax cuts should be "a substantial, indeed the greater, part of any package that is put together.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development warned Wednesday that Japan was on the brink of recession. The group predicted that Japan's economy would cootract 0.3

percent this year.

After the hudget passed, Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga said the government had to maintain "the spirit of fiscal reform" in undertaking the economic stimulus, and he indicated no change in his ministry's caution oo tax

ernment would soon agree to continue a 2 trillion yen (\$14.9 hillion) income-tax. cut next year hut would put off a de-

cision on bigger or permanent tax cuts. But the belief that Mr. Hashimoto was on the verge of frankly discussing a stimulus, particularly income and corporate tax cuts, gripped Tokyo markets Wednesday. The stock market raised the ante for him to make good on his pledge of "bold" economic measures, with the Nikkei 225-stock index rising 2.5 percent. The yen also rose.

(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg)

Valuing Megamergers, or Who Do You Think Is Buying Whom?

By Edward Wyatt New York Times Service

A merger of elephantine proportions raced down Wall Street on Monday, chased by six blind journalists.

Their reports of the value of the deal between Citicorp and Travelers Group Inc. were predictably confounding. "A \$70 Billion Pact," reported The

New York Times and Newsday. "\$82 hillion," exclaimed The Washington Post "\$83 hillion," shouted The Wall Street Journal and USA Today. "\$166 hillion," blared The Financial Times of London.

The International Herald Tribune The value of the merger, therefore, rose, Travelers' shares finished the day burdles, the deal was worth \$78 billion. cuts.

was worth \$78 billion.

The difficulty in putting a dollar value on the ANALYSIS merger begins with the fact that none of those hillions of dollars is

changing bands.

Instead, Citicorp stockholders will receive pieces of paper: 2.5 shares in the new company for each of their current Citicorp shares. Travelers' stockholders will keep their current certificates.

Who is right? Actually, none of the deal — that is, what price is assigned to above. By Tuesday afternoon, the deal the stock that is being exchanged and whether one judges that Company A is buying Company B or the deal is a

merger of equals. The New York Times judged that Travelers was buying Citicorp and valued the merger on the price of Travelers stock just before the deal was announced. By issuing 1.13 billion shares, each worth \$61.68, Travelers would be

paying \$70 hillion. After the merger was announced

oaches the at \$73. That meant its payout for Or \$80 billion. Or \$154 billioo. Citicorp equaled \$83 hillion, the amount reported by several newspapers.

The Financial Times viewed it as a merger of equals and added together the value of the shares of the two companies. Citicorp's \$82 hillion plus Travelers' \$84 hillion equaled the \$166 hillion of the newspaper's headline.

Of the three, the latter probably makes the least sense — albeit the best headline. After the price of both Travelers and Citicorp shares fell Tuesday, as investors re-evaluated the odds that Tuesday, the stock of both companies the merger would clear all regulatory

Think of it this way: If Citicorp, with a market value on Tuesday of \$75 billion, bought the coffee sbop in the lobby of its famous beadquarters on Lexington Avenue in New York, it would not be considered a \$75 hillion deal.

The purchase would be worth \$1 million, or whatever the coffee shop was worth when Citicorp decided to huy it. If the coffee-shop owners were receiving pieces of paper in exchange for their husiness, rather than cold hard cash, the

deal would be worth — well, care to

Novartis to Pour \$250 Million Into U.S. Gene Lab

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In the largest commitment yet by a major pharmaceutical company to the field of genomics, Novartis AG of Switzerland said Wednesday it would invest \$250 million in a proprietary research institute to be huilt near San Diego.

The establishment of the institute, in La Jolla, California, could give Novartis a major competitive advantage as drug discovery moves into a new era based on the knowledge of how diseases progress at the molecular and genetic level.

For the most part, large pharmaceutical companies have bought expertise in genomics, which is the pursuit of "disease genes" as targets for drug discovery.

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Deals like SmithKline Beecham's \$125 million investment in Human Genome Science Inc. and Roche Holding Ltd.'s \$70 million deal with Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc. estahlished a premium for this kind of genetic data. Novartis entered a genomics partnership with Incyte Phar-

maceuticals Inc. in January. "If you don't want to be dependent on partners, you better do it your-self," said Daniel Vasella, chief ex-ecutive of Novartis. "In my view, it's not a choice; it's a must." Novartis will make a separate investment in

agricultural genomics, he said.

Novartis officials say they are moving the science of genomics ahead. While the genomics companies and publicly financed genome centers have concentrated on mapping gene sequences and looking for

executives say the institute will look at how genes actually work in the The Novartis Institute will employ body, where they prompt cells to produce proteins that interact with other proteins and enzymes in complex

Novartis has allocated funds to the institute for 10 years, and expects to generate new drugs during that time.
Paul Herrling, the head of research
at Novartis, said, "It became obvious that the bottleneck was not going to be sequencing, to build linkages to

disease, but to work up that knowledge so you can actually use it. 'Our major focus will be to set up the skills necessary to really discover gene function in a very effective

way," he said.

"This will give us the opportunity to get to original disease targets besingle foreign company.

correlations with diseases. Novartis fore other people do and to have a

about 100 scientists working in 20 labs. The institute will draw on research efforts at Novartis plants in Switzerland and its collaborations with small companies and academic

centers. The institute will be huilt adjacent to the Scripps Research Institute, with which Novartis already has a 10year, \$200 million agreement giving

Novartis first rights to discoveries. That deal, first announced in 1993 and completed in 1994, was scaled back after Bernadine Healy, at the time director of the National Institutes of Health, and congressional leaders assailed it for turning over federally financed research to a

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Cuts Profit At Airbus

TOULOUSE, France Airbus Industrie's profit fell 61 percent last year as the European plane-maker was squeezed by a price war with arch-rival Boeing Co., Daimler Benz AG, a partner in the aircraft consortium,

said Wednesday. Profit was 268 million Deutsche marks (\$146 million), Daimler-Benz said in its annual report. (Page 13) Airbus, structured as a risk-

sharing partnership, does not release earnings on its own. Daimler-Benz owns a 38 percent stake in Airbus.

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Sturies During N.A. 307.75 +0.20 309.75 308.80 -0.40 311.70 311.10 -0.90 The decline came even as Airbus increased its sales by 30 percent last year as it wrested market share from its U.S.

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Holders of ordinary shares of Banca Commerciale Italiana are hereby called to attend an Ordinary General Meeting to be held at 1, Piazza Belgioloso, Milan, at 10 a.m. on 25th April 1993, or, if necessary, at second call, at the same place and time on 27th April 1998. They are hereby further called to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same place, as follows: at first call, at 10,20 a.m. on 25th April 1998, and, if necessary, at second call, at 10 a.m., on 26th April 1998, or at third call on 27th April 1998, at 1 p.m. or after the Ordinary General Meeting, in order to discuss and vote upon the (allowing

AGENDA 1) Reports by the Board of Directors and by the Statutory Auditors; submission of the Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1997 and resolutions thereon. Integration of Board of Directors.

Determination of the global emoluments of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee Integration of Board of Statutory Auditors: appointment of a regular Auditor and appointment of an

Resolution upon the appointment to audit and certify BCI's financial statements (parent company and consolidated), to audit (limited review) the interim report (parent company and consolidated) and to perform the procedures of external audit of the Bank's foreign branches, for the three-year period

1) Proposal of modifications of the Articles 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 22, 27, 28, 30 and 37 of the By-Laws;

delegation of the powers required for its Implementation.

Proposal of merger of Banca Commerciale Italiana S.p.A. with Sim Comit S.p.A. Resolutions related

Even though already registered in the Register of Shareholders, holders of shares carrying voting rights in order to attend the Meeting - must deposit their shares at least five days before the date of the General Meeting at the Bank's counters or at "Monte Titoli S.p.A.", in compliance with the provisions of Article 4

of Law No. 1745 of December 29, 1962. Shareholders are reminded that they can be represented at the Meeting, within the limits of Article 2372 of the Italian Civil Code, by means of a proxy in writing with the signature duly authenticated by a member of the Board of Directors, an executive or officer of the Bank, a notary public or any consular

authorities, or an Italian or loreign bank. Alternatively, shareholders may exercise their voting rights by mail, in accordance with the regulations jointly issued by Banca d'Italia, Consob and Isvap on December 30, 1994 and published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale (Official Gazette) No. 4 of January 5, 1995 (general series). Shareholders who wish to cast a postal vote have to submit a request, in good time, to the Bank or to "Monte Titoli S.p.A." - when they deposit their shares or when they require the relevant certification - for the Issue of the postal voting form and of

the admission ticket. Both the request to the Company to make use of postal vote and the mailing of the postal voting form and of the admission ticket have to be addressed to: Banca Commerciale Italiana - Segreteria del Consiglio -Ulficio Azionisti e Azioni Sociali, Piazza della Scala n. 6, 20121 Milano.

Copies of proposed resolutions, together with an explanatory report, are available at the registered office of the Bank, at all branches of the Bank in Italy, and at "Monte Titoli S.p.A.", as mentioned above. Copies will, moreover, be mailed to holders of shares carrying voting rights who request to vote by mail in the manner described above.

The remaining documentation concerning the Ordinary General Meeting will be deposited according to

The envelopes including the voting forms and the admission tickets have 10 be sent to Banca Commerciale Italiana - Segreteria del Consiglio - Ufficio Azionisti e Azioni Sociali, Piazza della Scala n. 6, 20121 Milano by April 22, 1998. The voting forms received after the term foreseen, or not accompanied with the admission ticket, will not be taken in consideration in determining the regular constitution of the meeting, nor for woting purposes; voting lorms lacking signatures will not be taken into consideration (or Volino numoses.

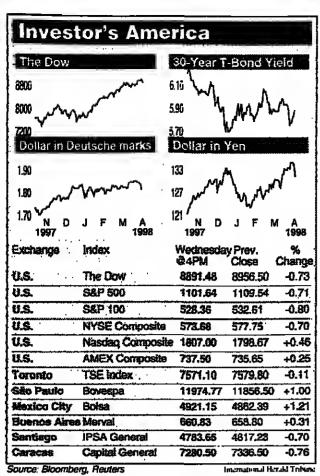
Voting by mail is not compatible with voting by proxy and therefore the vote must be exercised directly by

For the Board of Directors The Chairman Luigi Fausti

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Very briefly:

• General Electric Co.'s profit rose 13 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier, driven by strong performances in its financial-services and equipment businesses. Earnings were \$1.89 billion, or 57 cents a diluted share. Revenue rose 30-year Treasury inflation-12 percent, to \$22.63 billion.

• Dow Jones & Co.'s first-quarter earnings rose nearly 37 percent, to \$34.7 million, as sales rose to \$621.5 million from The \$250.5 million. The profit increase was mainly caused by gains on sales of its interest in a television station and a magazine.

 Lew Lieberbaum, a New York brokerage concern, reached a \$1.75 million settlement of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioo charges that the firm had harassed at least 18 female and minority-group workers.

 General Electric Co.'s first-quarter earnings rose 13 percent, to \$1.89 billion, led by its aircraft-engine and medicalsystems units. Reveoue rose 12 percent, to \$22.63 billion.

• UAL Corp.'s United Airlines said its passenger load factor fell to 70.6 percent in March from 74 percent a year earlier, with soft traffic continuing in the Asia-Pacific region.

 E*Trade Group Inc.'s second-quarter earnings doubled to S6.1 million as the Internet-based brokerage handled 83 percent more transactions than in the year-earlier quarter.

• The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission anoonneed that its general counsel, Richard Walker, would become the agency's enforcement director. Mr. Walker, 47, will succeed William McLucas, who is leaving the SEC after eight years as enforcement chief.

 Charles Schwab Corp. said its brokerage unit's president and chief operating officer, Timothy McCarthy, had resigned, just six months after being named to head the division. The company has not named a successor.

• DDI Corp. of Japan and Cia. Suzano de Papel & Celulose of Brazil are leading a group that is to pay the Brazilian government more than 913 million reals (\$803 million) for a mobile-telephooe license. AP. Bloomberg. Rewers

Investors Lock In Profit From Stocks

NEW YORK - Profittaking after the recent rally pulled stocks lower Wednesday, with the exception of loss of oearly \$56 million. technology issues, which But Dell Computer rose 3 technology issues, which

managed small gains. The Dow Jooes industrial average closed 65.02 points after an analyst at Lehman lower at 8,891.48, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 7.91 points to close at 1,101.64. Losing issues out- Brothers Inc. said the two numbered gaining ooes by a 4-to-3 ratio oo the New York Stock Exchange.

'You've had two great back-to-back quarters, and many people are selling stocks to lock in gains," said Philip Schettewi, a portfolio strategist at Loomis Sayles & Co. "But we're still in a bull market.'

Lower Treasury bond prices and corresponding higher yields also weighed oo the stock market.

The price of the beochmark 30-year issue fell 22/32 point to 103 8/32, taking the yield up to 5.89 percent from 5.84 percent Tuesday. Prices were pressured by new supply after the Treasury sold \$8 billion of protection securities, or Tips, at a high yield of 3.74 per-

technology-heavy composite index Nasdao closed 8.21 points higher at 806.92 despite a weak earnings report from Advanced Micro Devices.

Microsoft Suit Alleges Piracy

REDMOND, Washington - Microsoft Corp. said

Wednesday it had sued oine New Jersey and Pennsylvania

companies for copyright and trademark infringement,

expanding its anti-counterfeit efforts in North America. Microsoft's suits, filed in U.S. District Courts between

March 4 and April 6, allege both distribution of illegal

copies of Microsoft software delivered with new personal

computers and illegal copying of software onto computer

Microsoft said it had discovered the alleged violations

through its anti-piracy telephone line and undercover

The New Jersey companies sued are A&N Audio Laboratories Inc., H&H Distributing Inc. and Ram Com-

puter Products Inc. The Pennsylvania companies are: A&A ITG Computers, C2 Services Inc., K&S Computer,

Nexcom Inc., T Comp Computer Retail Services and

AMD fell 31/8 to 271/8 after the chipmaker said production snags had led to a widerthan-expected first-quarter

13/16 to 66 15/16 and Gateway 2000 rose 2 13/16 to 46%

U.S. STOCKS

computer makers were the best-positioned companies to weather price wars.

Tobacco stocks rose after a deal that was struck last June between the industry and 40 states to settle liability lawsuits looked to be a failure.

Steven Goldstone, chief executive of RJR Nabisco Holdings, said the chance "to implement a comprehensive solution" to the cootroversy surrounding the health impacts of tobacco and settlement of possible health impacts "has been lost."

while Philip Morris gained 2 3/16 to 393/4

Twinlab fell 1 1/16 to 36 after the nutritional-products company sold 8 million Germany. shares in a \$292 million public offering.
AirTran Holdings rose 2

formerly known as ValuJet, said it expected to be profitable for the second quarter and year

Bowie Bond II: Songwriters Cash In

LOS ANGELES - David Pullman, the brain behind last year's \$55 million "Bowie bond," has signed a similar deal for bonds backed by future royalties of the Motown songwriting trio Holland-Dozier-Holland, sources said

Wednesday.

Pullman Group, a division of Fahnestock & Co., has signed a finance securitization agreement valued at about \$30 million backed by future royalties from the publishing rights of Edward Holland, Lamoot Dozier and Brian Holland, the sources said.

songs for the soul-record label Motown. The entire catalog of their work, which includes songs for such hit acts as the Supremes, the Four Tops, Marvin Gaye and Freda Payne, is valoed at about \$100 million.

Among some of their best-known

hits are "Baby, I Need Your Loving,"
"I Hear a Symphony" and "Stop! In the Name of Love.

Since the rock icon David Bowie raised \$55 million last year with bonds backed by his future royalties, Mr. Pullman, 35, has talked with many stars - from Luciano Pavarotti to the Rolling Stones — and is working on

making deals with others. Mr. Pullman was unavailable for comment. He raised \$55 million for Mr. Bowie last year with bonds backed entirely by the anticipated flow of royalties from his first 25 albums and said The three have written numerous hit he had more than \$100 million in such deals in the pipeline.

Mr. Pullman said in February that he was expecting to complete a bond deal for one of the top songwriting teams in U.S. history and another backed by with future royalties from the works of

The Bowie bonds were bought by Prudential Insurance Co. in private placement last year and pay a 7.9 per-

ceot rate While issuing bonds for rock stars sounds exotic, Mr. Pullman has said there is little difference between these bonds and the more common types of asset-backed securities soch as those backed by auto-loan payments or credit-card receivables.

The crucial element in any assetbacked deal is predictable cash flow, Mr. Pullman said, and any star who has consistently sold millions of records. tapes or compact disks annually over

decades is a prime candidate. Artists like the concept because it enables their heirs to pay estate taxes

without liquidating inherited assets. It also gives the artists themselves cash with which to invest and diver-

Dollar Tumbles as Mark and Yen Rebound

NEW YORK - The dollar had its RJR rose 1 3/16 to 301/s, biggest decline against the Deutsche mark and yen in four months Wednesday, battered by prospects for Japan to take definite steps to bolster its ecocomy and signs that interest rates may rise in

Traders and investors bought yen on expectations that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto would use a special 1/32 to 8 29/32 as the airline, news conference Thursday to announce tax cuts and new spending measures.

"If they finally came through with something that was in line with the head-Bloomberg, Bridge News) Robertson, a bond manager at Neuberger clear signs the economy is turning strengtheoed to \$1.6763 from \$1.6674.

in 4 P.M. trading from 133.480 yen Tues- a rebound, they said.

Group of Seven industrialized nations,

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

which will meet in Washingtoo next week, to lift its economy from a sevenyear slump. On Tuesday, Mr. Hashimoto vowed to take "bold" steps if necessary

Still, even an aggressive tax cut will only provide a temporary boost to the

& Berman. The dollar feli to 131.325 yen around, the yen won't be able to sustain C

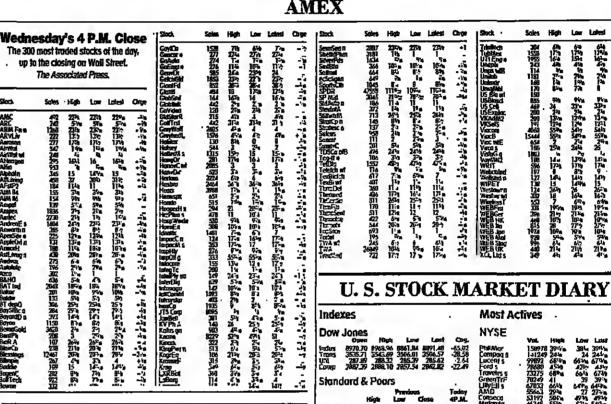
The dollar fell against the mark after Japan is facing pressure from the Ernst Welteke, a Bundesbank council member, suggested that Germany may consider raising interest rates this year. Talk of a rate rise also stemmed from recent reports showing Germany may be shaking off its ecocomic slump.

"Germany has been showing some rather robust oumbers across the board," Mr. Robertson said.

The dollar fell to 1.8145 DM from 1.8373 DM, to 6.0810 French francs from 6.1620 francs and to 1.5096 Swiss after a first-quarter loss. (AP, lines, that would be huge," said Matthew yen, some analysts said. Until there are francs from 1.5242 francs. The pound

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Juergen Schrempp, left, chairman of Daimler-Benz, showing the company's share price on a handheld electronic device at a press conference with Manfred Gentz, chief financial officer.

Daimler Sales Augur a Rosy '98

STUTTGART -- Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest industrial company, said Wednesday that it expected earnings to rise this year after first-quarter sales surged 22 percent, to 31.6 billion

Deutsche marks (\$17.2 billiont. The company also took the unusual step of publishing sales forefive main units. The move marked an effort to be more open and alter corporate Germany's reputation poor investor relations. Daimler aims to improve its standing among international investors, especially in the United States. where reporting standards are more

demanding than in Germany. "Companies have to rethink"

said Jacques Abramovicz at West-Kapitalanlagegeselldeutsche schaft mbH in Dusseldorf. "Investors are not just looking at this year but the next year and the year after that."

Few companies are inclined to publicly set specific targets so far into the future because changes in casts through 2000 for each of its market conditions can lead to a need for embarrassing downward revisions.

> Daimler said first-quarter sales were buoyed by 64 perceot growth in U.S. sales of Mercedes vehicles, especially the M-class.

Orders Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG almost tripled from standard, known as generally acayear earlier, to 6.7 billion DM, cepted accounting principles, in because of the Eurofighter defense

itin America.

Daimler said it expected overall annual sales to rise 29 percent by 2000, to 160 billion DM, and to double to 250 million DM in the next 10 years. Most of the growth is expected to come from the Mercedes unit, where unit sales are forecast to rise 70 percent, to 1.2

million units a year. German companies have a reputation for putting earnings into hidden reserves in good years to avoid paying high corporate taxes.

Daimler was the first German company to convert its accounting standards to the more opeo U.S. cepted accounting principles, in

In the Cloud Over Asia, Silver Lining in Europe

OECD Says Inflation Outlook Improves

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS — For the United States and Western Europe, the cloud hanging over much of Asia is lined with silver.

That is the latest assessment on the fallout from the Asian crisis published Wednesday in the semiannual Economic Outlook of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development,

The report forecast a soft landing for the U.S. economy — a benign slowdown this year and in 1999 from a torrid pace that had been looking worrisome — and a self-sustaining recovery in Europe creating more

jobs than in any year since 1990. But for the countries at the center of the crisis, the outlook is somber: economic contraction in Indonesia and Thailand, and marked slowdowns but with still positive growth in China, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.

Japan, facing severe domestic problems that have been exacerbated by the regional turmoil, "is oo the edge of recession." In South Korea, a drop in domestic demand of almost 10 percent is expected to push the economy into a small recession despite a huge increase in exports.

The slowdown in Asia is dampening commodity prices, including oil prices, and while this is good news for most countries because it re-tion's banking problems.

strains inflation and lowers long-term interest rates, it is bad news for the commodity producers - in particular Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Mexico and Norway.

World trade overall will expand by only 7 percent this year and next compared with growth of nearly 10 percent before the crisis, the OECD said. The East Asian countries in crisis and South Korea will increase their current-account surpluses by an estimated \$74 billion over this

year and next, it said. This shift will largely be at the expense of the United States, whose deficit this year is expected to more than double. Western Europe will be affected to a smaller degree.

Japan, the report said, is "uolikely to cootribute to adjustment in the crisis countries," and itself will be running large current-account surpluses amounting to some \$53 billion over the two years. The report urged early and substantial nacroeconomic stimolus for Japan.

The OECD's chief economist, Ignazio Visco, said the stimulus should be two-thirds tax cuts and one-third additional spending.

The tax cuts should involve reforms of the tax system and be seen to be permanent, the OECD said. It also urged Japan to continue structural reforms aimed at deregulating the economy and to take comprehensive action to resolve the na-

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Very briefly:

 Cie. des Machines Bull has changed its name to become simply Bull. Guy de Panafieu, chairman of the French computer and software company, said he aimed to increase net profit as a percentage of sales by one percentage point each year, to at least 5 percent in 2000. Sales are expected to rise to 40 billion francs (\$6.5 billion) in 2002, from 24.61 billion francs in 1997.

L'Oreal SA, the world's biggest cosmetics maker, predicted it would maintain double-digit profit and sales gains as it developed new products and benefits from booming demand in emerging markets. The company's 1997 profit before capital gains and losses rose 13 percent, to 4.21 billion French francs, as sales rose 14.5 perceot, to 69.1 billion francs.

· Great Universal Stores PLC, Britain's largest catalog retailer, increased its cash offer for Argos PLC, a retail chain, to £1.9 billion (\$3,2 billion) from £1.6 billion, but Argos immediately rejected the offer as "totally inadequate."

 Enic PLC. a British investment company, plans to buy 80 percent of 10 Warner Bros, Studio stores in Britain for £29.6 million as part of a venture between the companies. Enic will also finance, design and operate Warner Bros, restaurants throughout the world.

 Barclays Bank PLC, Deutsche Bank AG and other leading world banks bave formed a coalition to prevent the so-called millennium computer bug from affecting financial markets.

Oil and other energy exports ac-count for almost half of Russian AO Lukoil Holding, Russia's second-largest oil producer, export income. The country is the said the government's minimum asking price of \$2.1 billion world's third-largest producer of plus a \$400 million minimum investment for a 75 percent stake of state-owned oil company RAO Rosneft was foo high.

· Benetton Group SpA, the Italian clothing maker, will ask sharebolders to approve a 10-for-1 share split to make its stock more accessible to investors and increase trading activity. Benetton shares have surged 25 percent this year, to 38,300

BA and AA Near Deal on Landing Slots

BRUSSELS - American Airlines Inc. and British Airways PLC are nearing an agreement to surrender takeoff and landing slots in "The fact that BA and A proval for their planned alliance, an EU spokesman said Wednesday.

The European Commission will

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The carriers have said that the EU's initial demands to give up 350 of their 3,352 weekly slots at Heathrow were enough to kill the alliance plan. Some reports have said the EU was willing to let them give up fewer than 300 slots.

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Russia to Trim Oil Exports "In global terms, 61,000 barrels a NEW YORK — Russia said Wedday is more of a gesture than anything else," said Jim Heoderson, an

nesday it would join other oil-producing countries and trim its crude oil exports - by 61,000 barrels a day, or 2.3 percent — to belp in the effort to lift the price of oil.

The Russian government also will work out a plan to reduce exports of oil products such as gasoline by 4,900 tons a day, or 3.2 percent, within the next week, said a spokesman for Boris Nemtsov, the

acting first deputy prime minister, But the Russian move may do little to boost the oil price, said ana-

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Bond Buyers **Show Faith** In Seoul

LONDON — Investors snapped up South Korea's \$4 billion global bond offer Wednesday, in what many bankers called a strong vote of confidence in a country that street on the brink of financial collapse at the beginning of the year.
South Korea sold \$3 hillion in 19

year bonds and \$1 billion in fiveyear notes. The face value of the [11year securities was raised from the originally planned sale of \$2 hillion. Bankers said the increase proved that investors were prepared for a long-term commitment to the country's prospects.

South Korea is a strong emerging-market credit, which people see as moving fairly rapidly back to investment grade, said lain Hardie, a manager at Murgan Stanley Dean Witter in London.

South Korea almost went broke at the end of last year, before the international Monetary Fund agreed to a record \$60 hillion rescue package and international banks forged a \$24 billion debt-restructuring program. The success of the sale Wed. nesday will allow other South Korean and Asian borrowers to tap international investors for funds in the coming months, analysis said.

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The sale was South Konea's first in a borrowing plan expected by raise \$9 billion this year.

Demand for the securities was enhanced because South Kora's bonds will be included in J. P. Margan's Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus fund, often used as a benchmark against which to measure portfolio returns.

The 10-year bonds are likely to yield 350 to 355 basis points more than U.S. Treasuries, and the five-year issue will yield 345 to 348 basis poiots more than Treasuries, said fund managers and bankers familiar with the sale. Many added that South Korea's bond was encouraging for all new issues from emerging markets. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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used to brag that "I have nev-

er matched an outside offer!"

- is, by all accounts, build-

ing a "war chest" to fend off

months of negotiations.

\$55,000-a-year

future raids.



Seika says its "Ruputer" can link up with other computers.

A PC Wristwatch? Seiko Says It'll Soon Be Ready

The business-school dean,

Mayer Feldberg, consulted

Milton Friedman on the hire.

'Milton was very positive,'

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be the world's first wearable PC. The watch, called the Ruputer, can download data that includes sonal computers, the company

applications that ran on Microsoft Corp.'s Windows 95 operating system.

The company said it would launch two Ruputer models with and 48,000 ven. Seiko said it

Australia Helps Firms To Cut Dock Workers

CANBERRA - The Australian government threw a financial lifeline Wednesday to waterfront employers struggling with unions over who controls the docks, and set benchmarks intended to lift industry productivity.

Lang Corp.'s Patrick Stevedores fired 1,500 workers overnight, triggering severance packages totaling more than 150 million Australian ilollars (\$100 million), which the company cannot pay.

But Peter Reith, the Workplace Relations minister, announced a 250 million-dollar line of credit available to Patrick Stevedires and any other waterfront employer needing to pay severance packages in order to improve productivity. The money will be recouped by a levy on all cars and containers crossing Australia's

separately ordered Patrick Stevedures to keep paying the dockers

NEW YORK - Economic

growth in the Philippines is likely to

percent this year from 4.7 percent in

1997 because of weaker growth

elsewhere in Southeast Asia, Pres-

idem Fidel Ramos fold a group of

Mr. Ramos also predicted that intlation would rise to 8 percent.

Inflation in March was running at an

Mr. Ramos, who ends a six-year term in June, is on a U.S. tour to

convince investors the country will

be among the first to emerge from

Mr. Ramos said the Philippines'

'problems are far from over," even

strengthened since mid-January and

foreign investment into the ar-

its currency

We are tightening our belts, but

U.S. investors on Wednesday.

annualized 7.1 percent.

Asia's currency crisis.

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Bearish Outlook in Manila

and not to hire nonunion labor. But Patrick said Wednesday that the court's ruling would not disrupt the resumption of operations on its wharves using nonunion labor supplied by a port operator.

The court granted a weeklong injunction against Patrick Stevedores pending the start next Wednesday of hearings into the union's allegations of an illegal conspiracy to destroy it. The union counts the government and Patrick among those conspir-

Almost all of Australia's international trade passes through its docks, which have a long-standing reputation for inefficiency and high

In firing the 1,500 workers. Patrick said it had been unable get an agreement on more efficient work practices. Thousands of workers took to the

The lederal court in Melbourne streets in cities across Australia in support of the dockers.

we are lucky we still have our pants

and belts to tighten," Mr. Ramos

said. He also predicted that growth

Separately, Mr. Ramos met with

executives of Ford Motor Co.,

which wants to build a \$330 million

Ford has asked the Philippine

Economic Zone Authority, the

agency that oversees the country's

export zones, for tax breaks, includ-

ing tax holidays and duty-free im-

to the Philippines, which in 1996

lost to Thailand in the race to attract

a \$750 million factory from General

Motors Corp.
Ford pulled out of the Philippines

and other Southeast Asian countries

in the 1980s, when it was facing

deep sales and profit declines in the

The Ford plant would be a boost

would be "moderately higher"

car plant in the Philippines.

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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Very briefly:

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• Kao Corp. of Japan plans to acquire Bausch & Lomb Inc.'s skin-care business for \$135 million through Kao's wbolly owned U.S. subsidiary Andrew Jergens Cu.

· Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. plans to invest as much as \$100 million in Veriu Inc., an Internet-service provider based in Englewood, Colorado,

iscar Ltd. of Israel put on hold its plans to buy Korea Tungsten Co.'s main factory after workers locked officials in a building to protest the terms of the transaction. Labor unions at the South Korean company, which is a subsidiary of Keo Pyung Group, are demanding 20 percent of the sale proceeds.

 Japan's domestic shipments of computer servers rose in 1997, although the pace of growth is expected to slow in 1998, according to the market researcher IDC Japan Ltd.

• Yasuo Hamanaka, a former copper trader, appealed his eight-year prison sentence for fraud and forgery in connection with Sumitomo Corp.'s losses that totaled \$2.6 billion.

 Cadence Design Systems Inc., a U.S. software specialist, will provide Oki Electric Industry Cu. advice on the development of System LSI chips. The three-year deal is part of Oki's strategy to shift its semiconductor husiness from dynamic random-access memory chips to large-scale integration chips and logic integrated circuit chips. • Federal Express Corp. inaugurated five direct flights a week

to Jakarta, saying the move reflected the U.S. delivery company's conviction that Indonesia's economy would recover. Federal Express favors the Indonesian market because of its manufacturing sector, its many multinational companies and its suppliers of components and semifinished goods for export.

 PT Bank Indonesia is holding preliminary merger talks with listed and unlisted banks that are strong in the retailbanking field. The Indonesian bank also is negotiating with a few foreign institutions to form strategic alliances.

the refreshing airline

•Indonesia revised dowoward its oil-price forecast in its 1998-99 budget to \$14.50 a barrel, citing revised market expectations, compared with the price of \$16.50 used in the 1997-98 budget.

TORYO - Sciko Instruments Inc, said Wednesday that it would begin selling wristwatch personal computers in Japan on June 10. It said the new product would

would be suld with three software watches in their first year.

and overcrowded campus. He success.

The watches come equipped

with a 16-hit central processing unit and 128 kilobytes of main memory, Seiko said,

text and pictures from other per- retail prices of 38,000 yen (\$285) said. It added that the watch hoped to sell 100,000 of the

ECONOMISTS: Universities Are Opening Their Coffers to Lure Top Professors to Their Campuses on the impossibly cramped vital to its own continuing Some consider his recent ent- Chicago, for his outbursts like Kenneth Arrow, Milton pirical work superficial, others feel his theoretical work is

glory is a tantalizing one.

during debates and his scath- Friedman and the Federal Reserve Board chairman, Alan Greenspan. Its faculty included some of the great pioneers of empirical economics - Wesley Mitchell,

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drawn to him.' Barro's prickly persona (he Notall of Mr. Barro's peers was known, as a young pro-LEICOM FUND

Still others point to Mr.

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AVIS AUX ACTIONNAIRES sures sont convoqués par le présent avis à GÉNÉRALE ORDINAIRE DES Mcssieurs les action

L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE DES ACTIONNAIRES qui se tiendri au siège vocial à Lixembourg le 27 avril 1998 à 15 h 30, avec l'Ordre du Jour suivant : ORDRE DU JOUR

Compte rendu d'activiré du Conseil d'Administration pour l'exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 1997; Rapport du Réviscur d'Entreprises pour l'exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 1997;

Adaption des comptes de l'exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 1997; Affectation du résultat de l'exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 1997; Decharge aux Administrateurs et au Reviseur d'Entreprises pour l'exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 1997;

Nomination des organes sociaux : Nomination des Administrateurs ; Nomination du Réviseur d'Entreprises ;

as emblée et que les décisions sont prises à la majorité simple des actions

Chaque action a un dioit de vote. Tout actionnaire peut voter par mandataire. A cette fin, des procurations som disponibles au siège social et seront enwyées aux actionnaires sur

devrant ètre envoyers au siège social afin d'erre reçues le juur précédant l'assemblée à 17 heures au plus tand.

Les proprietaires d'actions au porteur, déstrant participer à cette assemblée, deviron déposes leurs actions carq jours ouvrables avans l'assemblée au siège social de la société.

Les acconnaires désireux d'obterar le Rapport Annuel Au 31 décembre 1997 peuvent s'adresser au sège social de la société.

, Pour la société,
BANQUE DE GESTION EDMOND OE ROTHSCHULD
LUXEMBOURG
Société Anonyme
20, Boulevard Emmanuel Servais
L-2535 LUXEMBOURG

LUXOR INVESTMENT COMPANY Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable 10A, Boulevard Royal, LUXEMBOURC R.C. Luxembourg B 27.109

NOTICE OF MEETING The quarum required by law not having here reached at the Entraordinary General Meeting convened on 23rd March, 1998, the shareholders of LUXOR INVESTMENT COMPANY are hereby convened to attend the posponed lextmordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 10A, Boulevard Royal, Linearbourg, on Munday 27th April, 1998 at 11 s.m., for the purpose of considering the following Agenda:

1. To resulte on the liquidation of the Company.

The property of liquidative and the designation that company.

to appoint a liquidator and to determine his powers to appoint a unproduct area to usuaritate has powers it suspend the calculation of the net asset value. It suspend all subscriptions and repurchases of share

. To approve the liquidator's report and the statement of liquidation of Lister investment Company in process of being inquisted).

To approve the payment of the encliners and the distribution of the

no apparent an extraordinary general meeting which will rule in the following points: val of the auditor's report.

descharge to be granted to the liquidator, the auditor and the Board of Directors, resolution concerning the head liquidation of the Company,

eschapers on the agenda of the postponed lextraordinary Ceneral Meeting will se adopted it want by two thirds of the shareholders present or represented are present or the proportion of the instrument desires which are present or entry at the meeting, hambolders on meand on the date of the meeting are entitled to vote or give

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24th April, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the meet. In order to attend the meeting the owners of beater shares are required. out their shares not less than five clear days before the date of the meeting

By nider of the Board of Directors

She had her book open even before she was property sitting down. She smiled as she was reading, sometimes even laughed out loud, often casting o dreamy glonce at the blanket of clouds below her. No questions, no requests. Everything was just fine. www.swissoir.com

ty-owned apartment on Riverside Drive, which the the surplus that Robert will Barros coveted. The rent is generate," said Glenn Hub-Barros coveted. The rent is subsidized, with a lavish renovation, courtesy of Columbia, thrown in for good Barro negotiations.

While Mr. Barro also has other sources of income, it all gain for his family.

by Columbia. Mr. Barro will try, also considers a highly occupy three spacious offices rated conomies department

Barro will have a green-light Just as extraordinary as the from the administration to resalary Columbia will pay is cruit a half-dozen promising the cornucopia of perks and younger economists. To be sure, academic re-cruiting beyond the junior are equally cothusiastic. was known, as a young pro-fessor at the University of privileges Mr. Barro won in To lure him, Columbia level — particularly in New helped place his teenage son York where housing and in an exclusive Manhattan schools are major stumbling

will direct a sizable chunk of

resources at the university's

new social science research

center, Most important, Mr.

private school, offered a blocks - has always been a university complex, expensive undertaking. But Columbia's willpost to his wife, Judy, who is just returning to the work ingness to put together a deal force, and eased out the prior of these proportions shows tenant of a 2,300-square-foot how much it expects to ben-(215-square-meter) universi- efit from Barro's presence. "We're capturing a lot of

bard, an economist in the university's business school, one of the main flag carriers in the

Economics is now the No.1 major al Columbia. As enadds up to at least a \$150,000 rollments have doubled, the faculty has shrunk. The busi-Other parts of the deal en- ness school, now one of the ail eveo heftier investments most competitive in the coun-

> The Government of Romania THE MINISTRY **OF COMMUNICATIONS**

The Ministry of Communications intends to privatize The Romanian Post Office through the prounttion of private sector participation via an initial public offering in Romania.

The Ministry of Communications announces the tender for appointing a Privaózacon Advisor with relevant expertence in privatization process and in post office operations. The Privatoration Advisor shall provide accounting, financial, legal and technical advisory services to The Ministry of Communications and The Romanian Post Office.

The Terms of Reference ilocuments are available at The Ministry of Communications, #14 Libertatii Ave., 70106 Bucharest, Romania (Tel: +401/400 1102).

ASIAN CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND 20, Boulevard Immanuel Servas, L. 2535 Luxembrurg R.C. Luxembrurg B 47 100

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS Notice is hereby given that an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of ASIAN CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND will be held at the registered inffice in the Company 28 April 1998 at 3.30 p.m. AGENDA

1. Approval of the report of the Board of Directors and the report of the Auditor;
2. Approval of the financial statements for the year ending on 31 December 1997;
3. Allowation of the part months.

Adocation of the net results
Ratification of the Co-optation of Mi Christopher Presion,
Mr Rick Sopher and Mr Peter Vandekerekhove in the place of
Mrs Sheila Riordan, Mr Olivier d'Aonot and Mr Peter Stevense respectively.

Retirement of the outgoing Directors and the Auditor from their duries for the year ending in 31 December 1997; duries for the year ending in 31 December 1997; duries for the Directors and the Auditor of the Fund:

Appointment of the Directors;

Re-election of the Auditor;

Re-election of the Auditor;

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Resolutions of the shareholders will be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting and each share is entitled to one vite.

A shareholder may act at any meeting by prixy. On behalf of the Company,
BANQUE DE GESTION EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD
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20, Mariena Emmanuel Servais
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Japanese Confident

SOCCER Japanese officials said Wednesday that there were no plans to change arrangements for the 2002 World Cup despite financial problems in Asia. Akira Odajima, a spokesman for the Japanese organizing committee, said he was sure both Japan and South Korea wauld be able to fulfill their ohligations even if South Korea abandons plans to build new stadiums. He said Japan could pick up any slack if South Korea's plans

The suggestion that South Korea or we might drop out is laughable," he said.

Lennart Johansson and Sepp Blaner were confirmed Wednesday as the sole candidates for the presidency of FIFA, the governing body of world soccer. No other cantenders came forward before Tuesday's midnight deadline. Johansson is president of UEFA, which runs European soccer, and Blaner is FIFA's general-secretary.

 Tommy Smith, the tough-tackling former Liverpool defender, is recovering after a cor crash. The 53year-old was in intensive care at Ormskirk and District General Hospital, near Liverpool, suffering from chest injuries, broken ribs and a fractured collar bone sustained in the accident an Monday, (Reuters)

Snead Suffers Mini-Stroke

GOLF Sam Snead was hospitalized, missing the Masters champions dinner Tuesday, after he reportedly had a mini-stroke. The Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle reported Wednesday, Snead, 85, was listed in fair condition at Augusta's University Hospital.

Snead wan the Masters in 1949, 1952 and 1954. He was scheduled to join Gene Sarazen and Byron Nelson as honorary starters on Thursday morning.

Police to Quiz Wizards

BASKETBALL The police plan to question Juwan Howard and Chris Webber, two forwards with the Washington Wizards, over a wornan's accusation that she was sexually assaulted, during a party at Howard's home. No charges have been filed against either player.

• Korleone Young, a 6-foot-7 lorward at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, is skipping college to enter the NBA draft. "In my heart. I think I can become a good NBA hasketball player," he said. Scott Shepherd, the Hargrave couch, said Young visited Arkansas. Connecticut. Georgetown and UNLY and would have qualified academically for college.

Royals Trade Catcher

BASEBALL The Kansas City Royals traded Mike Macfarlane, a catcher, to the Oakland Athletics for the outfielder Shane Mack and a player to be named, Herk Robinson, the Royals' general manager. said Wednesday.



Defending champion Tiger Woods practicing at Augusta National on Wednesday. The Masters starts Thursday.

Bad News, Guys: Tiger's Even Better

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

AUGUSTA. Georgia --- Tiger Woods knew he had done something special a year ago when he blew away the field hy 12 shots and, at 21, became the youngest champion in Masters history.

Still, he said Tuesday, the magnitude of that stunning and historic victory truly hit home for the first time in his apening practice round of the week.

"I was out there playing at 7 o'clock, and there are about a thousand people following out there on a Monday aftemoon screaming my name, wanting me to look this way, look that way for a picture." he said. "That wasn't the case last year. I played nine holes in absolute solitude last year.

This week. Woods has come back to Augusta National as the clear-cut favorite to prevail again. After all, didn't six-time champion Jack Nicklaus once predict at a Masters news conference that before Woods was through playing, he would win more green jackets than both Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer combined (a total of 10)?

On Tuesday, Nicklaus made it clear he hasn't changed his mind. Honored in a special ceremony marking his 40th appearance in the Masters, he said: "I'd be very surprised if he didn't win. It's the nature of his game. If he just plays normal, he'll win. If he plays poorly, he'll be in contention. And if he plays well, he il run away with the golf tour nament.

Woods also let it be known that he believes he can win again this year. He believes that even if he hasn't won in the United States since July at the Western Open, even if he hasn't played under par in any of his last six rounds, even if many of the game's top young guns -Emie Els. Justin Leonard. Lee Westwood, among others — are riding a wave of confidence over victories in recent weeks.

"The overall package is better this

year," Woods said. "Even with 150 in anain perfection, We're all human, we my last two rounds at Bay Hill, I still have the lowest stroke average oo the tour. I've been very close to playing good golf. I was not far off at The Players Championship. You look at six rounds over or even par and you would

say I'm struggling, hut I'm not."
Woods is a far better player coming into the fourth Masters of his career than he was a year ago. At that time, he set a tournament record with an 18-under total of 270, breaking Nicklaus's mark of 271 in 1965, and did not have a threeputt over the 72 holes.

On Tuesday, he said he also did not miss a putt inside 10 feet over the entire tournament. "I still can't believe that." said Colin Montgomerie, a Scot who played with Woods in the third round last year. "That's incredible."

Woods last won in January when he came from eight shots behind in the final round to overtake Els and win in a playoff at the Johnnie Walker in Thaiand. In his first five events on the PGA Tour this year, he had five top-13 finishes, including a tie for second at Mercedes and second alone when he lost in a

playoff to Billy Mayfair at the Nissan Open in Los Angeles.
"I feel good." he said. "I'm hitting the ball well. I'm putting well. I've putted well all year. I'm ready.' David Leadbetter, the instructor who

tutors Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, said there was no question Woods is a vastly improved player from a year ago.

"He definitely has a few more shots in his arsenal," said Leadbetter. "He's learning it's not just a power game it's also finesse. He's still got his great length, but he's learning to work the ball so much better. And he totally believes in himself. That's always been ohvious. But there is great competition out here, and it's tough to win every week."

Asked if he thought he could match

his perfection of a year ago, Woods quickly answered: "Yeah, I can eliminate the 40. There's no way you can

On a Night of Pain, **Manning Hurts Most** Kemp Gets Knocked Down, but He Gets Up Again

Danny Manning went down with another knee injury: Shawn Kemp was knocked unconscious, and Rod Strickland pulled up lame, on a rough night in the National Basketball Association.

Manning's injury appeared to be the most serious. He was flown back to Phoenix after injuring the anterior cruciate ligament Tuesday night in his right

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knee during the Suns 103-97 victory at Sacramento. Manning has undergone reconstructive surgery on hoth knees after suffering injuries to the same ligament in the past.

"I believe I've hlown it out again." said a dejected Manning as he sai in the training room at Arco Arena. "I've been there before: I know what to expect."

Manning was carried off the court hy two teammates during the first quarter after he fell during a fast-break opportunity while trying to handle a pass from Cliff Rohinson.

Manning, a contender for the Sixth Man of the Year award, was averaging 13.7 points per game in his 10th NBA season. He underwent major surgery on his right knee in January 1989 and on his eft knee io December 1995.

Rohinson scored 33 points and 10 rebounds as the Suns withstood a fourth-quarter rally.

Pacers 82, Cavaliers 80 Kemp was knocked cold wheo he collided with Derrick McKey's elbow during the second quarter of Cleveland's loss in Indianapolis. He was carted off the court on a stretcher before returning to play the secood half,
"I didn't really even ask what

Red Wings Conquer the Blues To Stay in Dogfight With Stars

The Detroit Red Wings pulled even career points. with the Dallas Stars at the top of the Western Conference by beating the

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Said Montgomerie: "We're all hop-

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have 99 points, the Stars hold the cooference's No. 1 playoff seed be-each have 72 points, but the Sharks

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than the Red Wings. Detroit has five Brisehois senred 27 seconds apart in games remaining and Dallas has six. the second period to lead the Ca-The top team would have the home-nadiens over the Rangers. ice advantage should the two teams meet in the conference playoff final.

Kris Draper broke a 3-3 tie with 2:06 left in regulation on Tuesday night in Detroit as the Red Wings extended their winning streak to four and snapped the Blues' winning streak at five. Steve Yzerman's empty-net goal clinched the victory with 1:13 left.

Al MacInnis had a goal and an assist for the Blues and became just the sixth defenseman in National

Hockey League history with 1,000 Sharks 6, Flames n In San Jose.

California, the Sharks made some St. Louis Blues, 5-3.

Although Detroit and Dallas each
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hold the seventh playoff spot because they have more victories. cause they have two more victories York, Scott Thornton and Patrice

> Coyotes 2, Penguins 1 Rick Tocchet knocked in a centering pass from Cliff Ronning at 15:19 of the third period to

> give Phoenix a victory in Pittsburgh. Maple Leafs 3, Panthers 1 Mats Sundin scored his 31st goal of the season to lead Toronto over Florida.

Bruins 4, Senators 2 In Ottawa. Steve Heinze scored three consecutive goals to lift Bostoo. Heinze scored his 19th and 20th goals in the first period and added his 21st in the second to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead.

happened, 'he said. 'That's what the game is about. You get hit and you've got to bounce back and take it."

Kemp ned the score at 80-80 when he hit two free throws with 26.2 seconds left. Reggie Miller hit a 22-footer with 8.8 seconds left to win the game for the Pacers. Kemp finished with 16 points and I I rebounds after missing five of his first six shots before getting injured.

Bulls 103, Wizards 85 Strickland suffered a strained left quadriceps late in the first half of Washington's loss in Chicago. He played only two minutes in the second half.

With Strickland out, the Bulls pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Wizards by 30-14.

Rod Strickland got hurt, and they lost the bead of the body, said Michael Jordan. They didn't know where to follow from that point. He ignites their offense. Without him, they really didn't have any leadership.

Jordan scored 30 and Dennis Rodman grabbed 20 rebounds as the Bulls won their 13th in a row.

Jazz 101, Warriors 99 Karl Mainne scored 56 points as Utah edged Golden State in Oakland.

Malone had the second-highest point total of his career and the fourth-highest in Jazz history. He shot 18-for-29 from the field — including a 4-tooter with 2.2 second left for the victory - and 19-for-23 from the line.

You get into something like this two or three times in your career." Malone said. "I felt that every guy that was guarding me was at my mercy.

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It was the highest individual total sioce Glen Rice scored 56 for Miamiagainst Orlando in 1995.

Timberwoives 92, Heat 89 In Mioneapolis. Kevin Garnett had 27 points and 14 boards to lead the Wolves within one victory of a franchise record for a season. Alonzo Mourning, who missed two games with a fractured cheekbone, had 28 points and 9 rebounds while wearing a mask. Hawks 92, Knicks 79 In Atlanta.

Dikembe Mutombo matched a seasonhigh with 19 rebounds in addition to 17 points and 6 blocks.

Charles Oakley of New York was called for a flagrant foul on Mutombo and was due to miss Wednesday's game against Miami for accumulating his seventh flagrant foul point.
"I didn't do nothing." Oakley said.

Trail Blazers 99, Mavericks 91 In Dallas. Isaiah Rider scored 26 points and Walt Williams, Rasheed Wallace and Brian Grant all had 17 points for Port

Clyde Drexler moved past Patrick Ewing into 17th place on the NBA's career scoring list with 22,085 points as Houston ended its six-game losing

Bucks 114, Raptors 105 In Milwaukee, Ray Allen scored 28 points as the Bucks won for the fourth time in five games. Toronto lost its 10th straight.

Grizzlies 11n, Clippers 94 In Los Angeles. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 30 points as Vancouver equaled the largest margin of victory in franchise history.

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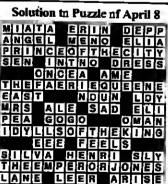
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Dhaenens: A Modest, Unselfish Cyclist

By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribuna

PARIS - Rudy Dhaenens was right: He never had much luck.

Driving on Sunday to the finish of the Tour of Flanders bicycle race, where he would be a consultant for the Eurosport Belgium television chancel, he somehow lost enntrol of his car, swerved off the road and into a power pylon. He died Monday night in a hospital from head injuries, leaving a wife and two childreo. He would have been 37 on Friday.

The Tour of Flanders was one of his favorite races, oot only because he was a Belgian and a native of Flanders hut mainly because he finished second in the classic in 1990. Dhaenens had a special affection for races in which be had ridden well: second in Paris-Roubaix in 1986, third there in 1987 and fifth in 198S; fourth in Liege-Bastogne-Liege in 1990 and in the Het Volk in 1988, third in the Belgian national championships in 1985.

Usually he looked like a small boy who asked Santa for a set of trains for Christmas and got instead underwear and a book, but his plain face could light up when he discussed the few races he had won. The world championship in Japan in 1990 was the peak, of course.

Dhaenens and a Belgian teammate,

collided with their only close pursuer. Dag-Otto Lauritzen of Norway, and left him with a disabled hicycle, the way to the finish was clear. Dhaenens won by a second or two.

There have been unlikelier world champions. Dhaenens had also won a daily stage in the 1986 Tour de France and came close to repeating in 1989. He broke away alone and was heading for victory when he entered the final curve, 400 or so meters from the line. "I took the corner too fast, maybe, or

something happened with my wheel, maybe, and I slipped," he explained in an ioterview the oext spring. "I still don't know," he admitted. His bicycle skidded out from under

him and he was thrown to the ground. When he got to his feet and found that his rear wheel was mangled, be could do nothing more than scream with rage as the pack shot by. Instead of being an easy winner, he was the last man to cross the finish line. "It just happened, so what can you do?" he asked those months later.

Because of an injury to Sean Kelly, Dhaenens had been promoted to lead the PDM team in the 1990 Paris-Rouhaix. hut he understood who he was - a dependable, unselfish rider of moderate talent, oot a star.

"Laurent Fignoo wins more than I Dirk de Wolf, managed to get out in do, prohably because he expects more of

front of the pack and, after de Wolf himself." Dhaenens said, referring to the Frenchman who won the Tour de France twice.

The talk turned to Moreoo Argentin, the Italian who had finished first ahead of Dhaenens a week earlier in the Tour of Flanders. "There are guys who aren't often good during the year hut when they're good, they win, 'he said. 'Like Argentin: When he's super, he wios. He's super maybe four or five days a year, but he wins four of the five times.

"I'm not like him. I'm always in the top group, usually in the froot, hut never win. And that's what's important in cycling races. To win, you need luck." He had that at the world championships four months later, but by the end-

of the 1992 season, he bad to retire. because of medical problems. Not much was seen of Dhaeneos for the next few years. Then, last July, he showed up in the press room at the start of the Tour de France, looking tentative. He was working in a slight joh, perhaps as a televisioo consultani, perhaps as a representative of a hicycle shoe or

saddle company. He looked pleased to

We must talk," he said. "I'll tell you what I've been doing. I'll be with the race only a few days. he warned. But in the hustle of the Tour, those few days sped hy, and then he was not to be found, and oow he has been killed.



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.Milwaukee Welcomes **Senior Circuit Home**

The Associated Press

Fans in Milwaukee were happy as National League baseball returned to their city for the first time in 33 years.

"That's the largest crowd I've ever seen here," said Scott Karl, the Brewer pitcher, Tuesday after 51,408 came to County Stadium and saw Milwaukee

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beat the winless Montreal Expos 6-4. There were times last year when I actually enjoyed pitching on the road more because the crowds were so loud, so exciting."

Milwaukee became the first team this century to switch leagues. It was the first NL game in town since Sept. 22, 1965, when the Braves lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 11 innings. They moved to Atlanta the following season. Hank Aaron, who broke the record for major league home runs while playing for the Braves in Milwaukee and Atlanta, threw out the first ball, a one-hopper to

the plate, during pregame ceremonies.
"We left in '66 because no one came to the games," said Felipe Alou, the Expos' manager and a former Brave. 'So, it was encouraging to see so many people. Once the game starts, though, you don't have time for nostalgia." Phillies 9, Martins 8 Philadelphia

came back from an 8-4 deficit to beat

Florida in the 10th inning. Doug Glanville hit a run scoring single with two outs in the 10th to Florida to its seventh straight loss. Derreck Lee had a grand slam and

batted in five runs for the Marlins. Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 1 With Rupert Murdoch, the new Dodger owner, in the stands, Eric Young hit a two-

out, two-run double as Los Angeles broke out of a tie with a five-run fourth inning in its home opener.

Braves 11, Pirates 3 Chipper Jones homered twice off Jasoo Schmidt in the first three innings in Pittsburgh, where a sellout crowd of 43,268 saw the Pirates

lose their fifth straight home opener. Cardinals 12, Rockies 11 Tom Lampkin homered and drove in four runs in Denver's home opener. St. Louis built a 9-1 lead, withstood a seven-run sixth

and scored three runs in the seventh. Giants 5, Astros 4 Rey Sanchez, pinch-hitting, singled in the winning run in the 10th as San Francisco won its home opener. J. T. Snow slid around the

tag of catcher Tony Eusehio to score. Padres 3, Rods 2 Carlos Hernandez tied the score with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth, and Greg Vaughn hit a sacrifice fly off Jeff Shaw in the 10th

as San Diego won its home opener. Mets 3, Cube 2 Al Leiter, the New York pitcher, hit a two-run double at Wrigley Field for his first extra-base hit in 122 career at-bats and got his first victory for New York.

In American League games: Twins 12, Blue Jays 2 Roger Clemens pulled himself after just seven pitches, but hy then he had already walked Minnesota's leadoff batter. Clemens took the loss after the shortest start of his

He said he strained a groin muscle while warming up. Clemens walked leadoff hitter Matt Lawton on five pitches and fell behind, 2-0, to Brent Gates before calling time. "Normally when Clemens throws his

high pitch you can harely see it," Lawton said. "But I had oo problem picking Anaheim. up his first pitch. It was one of the rare

Hill walked none, struck out four and

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The Giants' Orel Hershiser snagging a drive by Astros' John Halama.

times when I was actually hoping Clemens would throw me a strike.'

Robert Person relieved and walked Gates, a walk charged to Clemens. Both runners eventually scored in a four-run first inning.

Yankees 13, Mariners 7 Chuck Knoblauch homered on the first pitch of the game, and Darryl Strawberry and Jorge Posada also connected in a six-run first inning at the Kingdome.

Strawberry hit two long home runs and a double and drove in four runs. He had not homered since 1996 after spending most of last year on the disabled

Angels 6, Red Sox 1 Ken Hill shut out Boston on five hits for eight innings, and Phil Nevin and Darin Erstad homered at

retired 13 of his last 14 batters. He has not given up a run in two starts this Cecil Fielder, in his 22d at-bat of the

season, drove in his first run for the Angels with a double. Oriotes 11. Royals 7 Joe Carter drove in four runs and Baltimore won its sixth straight game, spoiling Kansas City's

home opener. Eric Davis and Lenny Wehster homered and Roberto Alomar had four hits for the Orioles, whose only loss

came against the Royals in the home opener in Baltimore. The crowd of 40,419 was the Royals' largest for a home opener since 1988. Tigers 3, Devil Rays 1 Detroit stopped

a five-game losing streak before a home opener crowd of 45,768, the first sellout at Tiger Stadium since April 11, 1994.

New Stamp Will Make Dodger Fans Go Postal

By Ira Berkow

They are going to make a stamp commemorating a home ruu -- not any home run, to be sure, but the one called 'The Shot Heard 'Round the World.'

And just wheo one may be legitimately wondering how the U.S. Postal Service can possibly consider a long hlow in a baseball game on Oct. 3, 1951, between two New York teams, the Giants and the Dodgers, still of any interest an internecine competition between long-gone adversaries — there is a tall, white-haired, soft-spoken gentleman from New Jersey to remind us.

"One day some 20 years after it happened, I get a call from a man in Boston," said Bobby Thomson, now 74, and as lean as when he was an outfielder for the Giants. "The man says, 'I've wanted to call you for a long time and tell you where I was wheo you hit that home run and what happened

when you did. Do you mind?'
"I said, 'No, go ahead.' I wasn't
doing much and I've heard so many stories about where people were, and I know they like to talk about it. Sometimes I tune out. But not this time. He had taken the effort to call, and it was long distance.'

The man said he had been in the Marines in Korea during the war there. 'We were all spread out, and I'm in a hunker and my best huddy is the craziest Giant fan ever and he is listeoing to the ball game," the man told Thomson. This is a no-no. I mean, if the enemy hears us, one shot could take us all out. But he keeps the radio real low. And

then the hig moment approached." The "hig moment" arrived after the

Giants had been behind the first-place Dodgers by 131/2 games in August, but made a comeback, moving into a tie for first place in the National League oo the last Friday of the season, causing a twoof-three-game playoff.

The "hig moment" arrived after the series had been tied, 1-1, and the Dodgers were leading, 4-1, going into bottom of the ninth. The Giants had scored one run and had two runners on with one out when Ralph Branca came in to relieve Don Newcombe.

The "big moment" arrived when Thomson came to the plate.

"And then," said the former Marine oo the phone from Boston, "when you hit the home run to win the game -well, my buddy got so excited he shot off his rifle! And then the whole place erupted! People started shooting on the right of us, and the left of us, and the eoemy started firing back. I remember one of the commanders hollering. 'What's going on here!' My buddy got killed in action about a year later. But I promised myself, for his sake, that one day I'd tell you the story.

'And I told him that I'm glad he did," Thomson said.

The Postal Service has announced that the home run, along with 14 other subjects, will represent the 1950s in its Celebrate the Century program, which was voted on by customers, among others. Other sports stamps in this category

are: "Rocky Marciano - Undefeated," "World Series Rivals (N.Y. Yankees vs. Brooklyn Dodgers)" and Stock Car Racing.

Thomson has no elevated sense of self. When asked how the old Marine got his phone number, he said: "I'm in the phone book. I'm nobody special."

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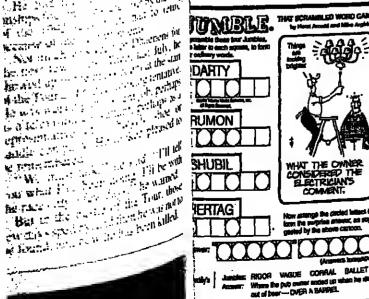
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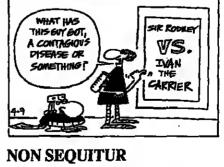












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This year the latest reform bill was saboraged by the Republicans when someone pointed out that the party would run out of eash in 1998 if they didn't permit large companies and vested in-terests to give soft money to our great political system.

The good thing about soft money is that it looks like molasses but goes through

Rock, by Rushdie

LONDON — Salman Rushdie says his next novel will examine the drug-fueled

world of rock 'n' roll. Rushdie spent time with the Irish rock band U2 and said he had written lyrics for the tunes of his fictional rock star. He hopes to get the lyrics set to music and to release a record to accompany the book. "Now that I'm 51, the music is also middle-aged," he said. Rushdie has been in hiding for nine years since Iran issued a death sentence against him

for "The Satanic Verses."

WASHINGTON — The politicians hands without getting their clothes soiled. It differs from hard money

What makes soft money so attractive to politicians is that

the people who give it can man, or even sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom, if that is what the donor dreams of doing.

Long before the country was corrupted, our political leaders talked about reform. One group wanted to reform the Declaration of Independence, another the Constitution. Nothing ever came of these efforts because it precluded political favors. But it became a patriotic tradition. like setting off firecrackers on

the Fourth of July. The Republicans were the first to kill reform as a viable solution to a political prob-

Trent Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, told his troops, We got the money, so why fix the problem when it isn't

A few honorable Republicans persisted in their fight for reform and were ordered to be investigated by the Senate Rules Committee on charges of political fund-rais-

ing harassment. Despite all the talk, nothing has changed since the first reform bill was introduced in 1790 by Frederick Zither, a reform Republican who went bankrupt without collecting any soft money and was buried in Potter's Field, Legislators still tell jokes about him when they are on their way to the bank to cash their softmoney checks.

Washington Post Service

A World Apart, Wynette Sang Through the Hurt

By David Von Drehle Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The world was rushing pell-mell into the sexual revolution. Free love. Open marriage. No-fault divorce. Let the record show that one woman stood in the gap and forecast the storm of heartache that came to pass.

Tammy Wynette. It was 1968, the Summer of Love, and the hi-fis of the cultural elite were playing music of rebellion, freedom, idealism. A new world was coming — just an acid trip, psychoanalysis, commune or muluple orgasm away.

Next door and a world apart, out in the rest of America, Wynette's voice - raw, broken, sad, knowing - prophesied from a million jukeboxes and push-button AM car radios. The First Lady of Country, she came to be known for her string of hurting hits: "I Don't Wanna Play House," "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and the iconic "Stand by Your Man."

For Wynette, who died in Nashville on Monday at 55, love was never free and the human condition was pain, struggle, compro-mise. Her songs — by a variety of Nashville workhorses but all sung with the same intensity — were selves in ber music. populated by straying men, sobbing moms and damaged kids. In one, a little girl plays with crayons, but the colors are all wrong. Or are they?

A chill came over me os I real-ized that she had colored things as she thought they helonged. She colored mommy blue with

her eyes crying. She made our home as gray os the dawn.

She made the sun os block os night as if to soy it held no hight. But she didn't color doddy couse he's gone. In another song, one of Wynette's string of No. 1 country

hits, a child is overheard telling her I don't wonno play house, I know

it con't he fun. I've watched momniy and daddy and if that's the way it's done

I don't wenno play house - it makes niv mommy cry Couse when she played house

my daddy said good-bye. She wasn't the best singer in Nashville. Though her voice and style were quintessential countrybrassy, drawling, nasal - the tone could get a little hoarse in the lower register and thin up top. None of the virtuosity of Patsy Cline or the infectious purity of Dolly Parton.

But Wynette outsold them both, and every other woman in country music history. Thirty million records. Overwhelmingly, her fans

Long before talk radio therapy, long before a million men prayed at the Capitol to be better fathers, she sang out the pain of broken families.

were other women. Not "jet set" womeo, to borrow from one of ber duets with the great George Jooes. Ordinary women, who saw them-

She waso't guessing about this stuff. "I feel I'm a very average woman," Wynette once said. "I can relate to any woman because I've worked in a shoe factory, been Wynette was honored by Nashville and Merle Haggard in 1991. a barmaid, a waitress, worked in a garment factory and picked cot-

And she knew what she was talking about when it came to divorce. The husband who survives her, George Richey, was her fifth. Her turbuleot marriage to Jones was country music's answer to Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, a tragedy played as soap opera on the

Her first marriage came at 18, early along ber rags-to-riches story. Born in Itawumba County, Mississippi, she grew up fatherless and poor. Her education came at a

from door to door through Nashville's music district. The producer Billy Sherrill invited her in. A country outsider bred on rock and rhythm-andblues, Sherrill beard a cash register ringing in the cry in Wynette's voice. He backed her with the soaring strings and choirs that marked

the so-called Nashville Soond and. in 1967 and 1968, produced the early hits that would make her a cultural touchstone.

Long before "Dr. Laura" Schbeauty academy and at the college lessinger conquered talk radio with nal today

of hard living. Her dream was to her conservative family therapy, sing, and so she carried her guitar long before anyooc could imagine long before anyone could imagine a million Promise Keepers praying to be better fathers at the foot of the

U.S. Capitol, Wynette sang out the

pain of broken families. Our little boy is 4 years old and quite o little man So we spell out the words we don! want him to understond Like T-O-) or maybe S-U-R-

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ty des Germ Oh I wish that we could stop this D-I-V-O-R-C-E. Mind you, she wasn't saying that marriage was easy. Her most mem-orable song was "Stand by Your Man" (1968), a collaboration by Sherrill and Wynette. It is an anthem for the women who keep try-

Sometimes it's hard to be a woman," the song begins. Even then, the statistics were clear to women of the working class; divorced, they worked harder while getting poorer. After her first divorce. Wynette supported three kids on her beautician's salary. Sticking with a cheater, oo the other hand, meant that "you'll have bad times and he'll have good times, doing things that you don't

understand. But if you love him you'll forgive him," she sang. Predictably, a chorus of outrage ensued. The title of the song became a shorthand for everything feminism opposed. In the coming world, women would be treated right by men. In Wynene's world, few women were. so lucky. Forgiveness was a greater virtue than indignation.

The song struck an incredible chord, becoming the best-selling single ever recorded by a female country artist.

Tammy Wynette ruled country music when country wasn't cool. In recent years, with the music more hip than it has ever been, she could hardly get oo the radio. Her last hit
—No. 1 in 18 countries, though not in the United States - was a sort of spoof on her legend, recorded withthe British electronic dance band the KLF.

But she had always sung with simple honesty, with passion and courage, and so new fans kept finding her, old fans stuck by her, people bought her records and wore them oot. They'll miss her. because in their hearts they know she was right.

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PEOPLE

THE country music artists Reba McEntire and Lee Roy Parnell have joined 24 other performers in suing a California businessman who linked their names to an Internet porn site. "It's incredibly important to me that when you get on the Internet and bring up my name, it's what I stand for," Parnell said as the artists announced the trademark infringement and right-of-publicity lawsuit filed against Jim E. Salmon of Los Angeles. Alan Jackson, Trace Adkins, Bryan White, Deana Carter, Vince Gill and Tracy Lawrence are among the other artists who brought the law-

'Shine' Pianist to Play in Austria

Agence France-Presse VIENNA -- The pianist David Helfgott, whose travails inspired the making of the hit movie "Shine," is scheduled to give two concerts in Austria in June.

Helfgort has been criticized for his idiosyncratic stage

activities, but he will play in Vienna on June 27 and in Innsbruck on June 29, the APA news agency reported. The pianist, who still suffers from the mental problems

portrayed in the film, will play pieces by Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Chopin. Rimsky-Korsakov and Scriabin, from his second CD compilation "Brillantissimo," which came out last year.

A severe back injury has forced Elizabeth Taylor to cancel scheduled appearances for the next four months. "I am so sorry that I will oot be able to attend any of the charitable compression fracture of my first lumbar which is taking its time healing," she said in a statement. She injured her hack when she fell at her Bel Air, California, home on Feb. 27 as she was preparing for her 66th birthday party.

Rocker Tommy Lee, accused of kicking his wife, the actress Pamela Anderson, pleaded no contest in Malihu, California, to felony spousal ahuse. The judge said he would spend six months to a year in jail. Lee was arrested in February after his the hack and buttocks as she held their 7-week-old child, people every day." Scorsese said in a statement. Dylan. She filed for divorce within days of the attack.

Andrew Lloyd Webber had a very musical birthday. A crowd of almost 5,000 cheered the composer and his music at The party came a few days late — his birthday actually was March 22. Lloyd Webber, the composer of "Jesus Christ Superstar, "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera, "called himself "a very, very lucky man" and dedicated the evening This time, however, he and his brother. Jimmy, are charged to "this extraordinary thing called musical theater." The show was a charity event for the National Youth Music Theatre.

A top aide to the Archbishop of Canterbury bas been appointed the first chief executive of the Diana, Princess of Wales, memorial fund, Andrew Purkis will quit as public events to which I committed myself because I have a severe affairs secretary to the Most Revereod George Carey in June compression fracture of my first lumbar which is taking its to take up the job. The fund stood at nearly \$70 million when the first grants, totaling nearly \$22 million, were made last month. Cancer and leprosy charities and children's hospitals were among the main beneficiaries.

The filmmaker Martin Scorsese, whose movies include "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull," has signed a two-year development deal with ABC. The agreement provides for a 13-episode television series and a miniseries. "Television is wife called the police claiming the drummer had kicked her in an exciting medium that reaches and influences millions of

Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt has been indicted on obscenity and other charges in Cincinnati. Ohio. the city where he was convicted of the same charge in 1977 for a 50th birthday concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London. distributing his magazine. Flynt has said repeatedly in recent months that he wanted a new trial on obscenity charges, because he believes that a jury today would find that his with selling an obscene videotape to a 14-year-old boy. Flynt's 1977 conviction was thrown out on appeal.



WORTHY FO - The Italian playwright Dario Fo after being named commander of arts and letters by Culture Minister Catherine Trautmann in Paris.



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